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Kingdom Trails could be the path for Bethel's

By ALISON ALOISIO

Growing local interest in incorporating mountain-bike trails into the plan for Bethel's Bingham Trust parcel — and using them to bring more tourist dollars to the area — prompted the Bethel Conservation Commission to host a public presentation last week by the director of Vermont's Kingdom Trails.

The commission is gathering information on what types of trails might be feasible on the 2,400-acre Bingham land.

The BCC invited Tim Tierney, KT's executive director, to give an overview of the recreational trail system that has been voted "Best Mountain Bike Trail Network in North America" by Bike Magazine. The event drew about

50 people.

The KT trail network, in the poorest region of Vermont, brings nearly \$5 million a year in revenue to the area.

The nonprofit trails organization oversees 110 miles of trails in Burke, a town of 1,000 located 14 miles north of St. Johnsbury, in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

Tierney said the trails drew about 4,000 people in 2004. This year, 50,000 used it.

The trails are also used for cross-country skiing, hiking and horseback riding. With an eight-month season, mountain biking brings in the most people. While the trails organization is nonprofit, it has helped support and even create local businesses, Tierney said.

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Andover's 2012 town meeting St. Patty's Day

By ALISON ALOISIO

A ban on the sale and use of fireworks.

A study of a town manager/administrator form of government.

A proposal to negotiate with SAD 44 on AES costs.

A contest for fire chief, and seats to be filled on the Select and School boards.

Those are some of the questions Andover voters will address in the next few days, as they come together for town meeting Saturday, then on Tuesday cast ballots for town officials and vote on the school-referendum question.

Town meeting

A consumer fireworks ban was requested by several citizens last summer, shortly after the state Legislature legalized the sale and use of fireworks but left towns the option to control them.

selves.

The citizens, said Select-board Chair Susan Merrow, "were concerned about the fireworks causing fires."

Since that request, she said, town officials have heard from other people objecting to the ban.

Merrow said the Fire Department has not weighed in on the issue so far.

In a return of an issue rejected in the past, townspeople will again consider whether to research a town manager or administrator form of government.

The question was put to voters a decade or more ago and found little support.

Merrow said it came up again this year during the Budget Committee meetings. Selectmen decided to bring it

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Aging facilities, bad water loom over school budgets

By ALISON ALOISIO

Problems with an ancient boiler at the Andover Elementary School, the water at the Woodstock Elementary School, and the old furnace at the SAD 44 Bus Garage could pose a challenge to the SAD 44 School Board and taxpayers in upcoming budgets, the board learned Monday.

New Building and Grounds Supervisor Ron Deegan presented his review of the district's physical — plant infrastructure to directors, and under worst-case scenarios, the fixes could carry a total price tag in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Deegan's review comes at

the same time the district is considering a multi-million-dollar energy upgrade at the Telstar complex.

AES

The 1924 boiler at AES had a life expectancy of 25 years, Deegan said. It is "well beyond life expectancy, with areas of fatigue, and needs to be replaced in the immediate future," he said.

A crack in the external portion of the boiler had to be repaired last year in order to pass a safety certification, he said.

Replacing the boiler with two new ones (to provide re-

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Centenarian falls into good hands



DOUBLE CHECKING—Bethel Rescue volunteers (from left) Cory Krolfner, Clarke Reiner, Daniel Glick and Karen Rosenberg make sure that a 104-year-old woman (actually Telstar ninth grader Aislinn Forbes) who fainted and fell to the floor Saturday in the emergency flood shelter set up in the Telstar gymnasium is properly secured and ready to be taken to an ambulance. "We were making sure that everything is secure and that she is strapped in properly," Rosenberg said. "When we put her on the backboard we don't want her to move, not her spine or her hip or her back, and that she's secured on the board, so that when we wheel her out she doesn't move." Eight-six participants, from the American Red Cross, Oxford County Animal Response Team, Oxford County EMA, Bethel Rescue turned out, as did Telstar staff and student volunteers, according to Oxford County LEPC Director Teresa Glick, who supervised Saturday's simulation. "We feel that the exercise was a great success," Glick said. "Various volunteers, many who have never worked together before, successfully worked together to open a regional shelter for 'displaced' residents and their pets."

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Regulation concerns dominate byway meeting

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"David [Stearns] and I were at a meeting with Commissioner Woodcock of IF&W and he basically told us: 'You will be battling groups for the rest of your lives,'" said Dennis Doyon Monday afternoon, at a meeting of the Grafton Notch Scenic Byways Committee.

The purpose of the two-hour meeting was to begin updating its 2000 management plan (Citizen, Feb. 2 and 23).

The possible extension of the current byway four miles south to Newry Corner was also discussed.

But the first hour was filled by worries and complaints about regulations and of the threats byway pose to landowners' rights — including their right to sell their land for non-traditional uses.

Attending were Newry Selectman Brooks Morton; Audrey Brooke, a Newry resident who worked on the 2000 Management Plan; Doyon, of the Bethel Area Business Association; Stearns, representing Chadbourne Tree Farms; Deborah Judkins, of Upton; Robin Zinchuk, "business person" and executive direc-

tor of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce; Charlotte Dominique and Bob Pepler, Upton House in Upton (Pepler is also an Upton selectman); Mike Wilson, Northern Forest Alliance; Fred Michaud, state byways coordinator; and facilitator Dina Jackson of AVCOG.

Michaud, in his own opening remarks, described progress on a similar updating of the 49-mile Grindstone Scenic Byway in the Katahdin region, and where large timberland owners expressed similar concerns about increased

regulation.

"All of them were brought in early in the process, and they became partners in the process even before the first meeting," Michaud said, "but partners in the sense of 'We believe in what you say — we'll watch.'"

"We all sat down for a year and we got this together as a partnership," he said.

"Economic development is the priority. ... They made clear in the preamble: 'This is about economic development through tourism, but this is

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Vision challenges don't slow two top Telstar seniors



Emily Bellinger and Britany Douglass.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

By ALISON ALOISIO

Emily Bellinger has a beautiful voice, and she loves to perform in drama and musical productions.

For Britany Douglass, "Dance is pretty much my life," she says.

The already-accomplished Telstar High School seniors, ranked #2 and #3 in their class, share a love of expressing themselves through music.

And coincidentally, they also share something else: both are legally blind.

Dealing with that challenge does not dominate their lives, and the visual impairment has not slowed them in planning for the future.

But for those who may pass them on the street or in the school hallways, understand-

ing how they balance their daily activities can provide both insight and inspiration.

Britany has macular degeneration, which prevents her from seeing straight ahead and far away. She was born with the condition, and was so good at working around it that it wasn't discovered for several years. Her family was told that surgery might improve her sight somewhat, but, she said, "I had already adapted to seeing that way," and an operation was ruled out.

Emily, a native of New York who moved here in fifth grade, has a very different condition — congenital nystagmus. She also was born with it. It causes her eyes to move involuntarily back and forth, and affects

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Letters

THANKS FOR NORDIC SUPPORT

To the Editor:

Last week the USCSA (United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association) held their National Championship Nordic Ski races, hosted by the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at the Bethel Inn Resort and Gould Academy's Pine Hill trail system. It was a fabulous week of ski racing, with 100 skiers from 12 colleges across the country, four days of racing, great trail conditions, and beautiful weather. Competitors, coaches, and parents came from as far away as Washington state, while local fans enjoyed watching some great national-level racing.

These races would not have been possible without the tremendous support received from community members. A huge thank you to the following: Gould Academy for short-notice use of their trails and machines, D.A. Wilson for moving and delivering a snowcat, and the Bethel Inn Resort for their support.

The amount of time, effort, flexibility, and patience put in by volunteers over the course of the last two weeks was amazing; we cannot thank the following people enough: Mac Davis, Tracy Thayer, Landon Fake, Buzz Gamble, Bob Baribeau, Andee Alford, Wade Kavanaugh, Dick Taylor, Sarah Southam, Jonathan, Kate, Abbie, Rachel, and Rose Goldberg, Katie Casey, Jo Elliot, Dan Elliot, Bob Iles, Suzanne Pierce, Ian Blair, Brad Clarke, Helen Cooper, David Walker, Nancy Babcock, Kyle Walker.

Mike Cooper and Sarah Weaver
Bethel Nordic Ski Center

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Class of 2012 would like to thank the parents, community members, and classmates that helped make this year's Chocolate Festival fundraiser a success.

We would also like to specifically express gratitude to the Bethel Inn and Mary Brown for the generous contribution of the Bethel Inn Conference Center. Everybody seemed to have a great time, and much chocolate was consumed.

All earnings have been put toward this year's Project Graduation, which looks to be a fun and exciting last hurrah!

Shelly Douglass
For Telstar Class of 2012

GOOD SAMARITAN

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank the unidentified good Samaritan who found my checkbook and brought it to the Post Office, where Lisa put it into my mailbox on Tuesday, March 6.

Janie Vogt
Bethel

MIKE O'DONNELL RETIRES

To the Editor:

It is with deep emotions to announce my retirement from the practice of law.

The past 44 years have been most rewarding. However, increasing age and decreasing health makes this decision a difficult one.

If any past or current client wishes to receive their file(s), please put your request in writing and include your full name, telephone number and mailing address.

Thank you very much for the past 44 years.

Michael J. O'Donnell
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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RIDICULOUS TIRADES

To the Editor:

I am growing tired of Don Chase's ridiculous tirades about how the Republican Party is destroying America. Registered as neither Republican nor Democrat, it seems to me that both parties have contributed significantly to the present dire situation in which Americans find themselves.

The most recent Republican administration began the wild spending spree. The last two years of his reign, with Democrats in control of the House and Senate, were especially destructive. The present administration continues to spend even more money that the country does not have, killing private sector jobs through increased regulations while trying to please special interest groups that supported its rise to power. With complete Democratic control of the federal government from 2008-2010, what was accomplished? Record spending of borrowed trillions, bailouts, and a massive socialist health care bill packed with pork, that we are still not sure what is in it.

Parties aside, we must think conservatively. We are over the cliff and heading down the mountain. Moral degradation has created a weak, dependent, unproductive society. Public schools are indoctrinating our children, teaching politics and values, moral right and wrong, things that used to be the exclusive job of their parents. Our new society teaches kids to worship celebrity drug addicts while scorning successful business people and real heroes, whether military or humanitarian.

How has the economy been boosted over the past three years? Doubled gas prices are destroying it, while they refuse to grant oil drilling permits. Excessive regulation cripples private industry. Borrowed stimulus money was thrown at shaky companies whose CEOs pocketed the money and filed for bankruptcy.

The irresponsible, unnecessary spending must end at all levels. Money must be allocated wisely, common sense must be used. Is anyone talking about cutting the fat, the waste, the fraud? While roads and bridges collapse, they spend millions on purchasing public land for hiking and picnicking. While they close elementary schools, the eradication of large mouth bass from trout ponds seems to be a top priority. While they let our elderly freeze to death and do nothing for our wounded veterans, they eagerly hand welfare checks and food stamps to able-bodied illegals. While they try to convince Americans that human pollution is warming the planet, our jobs head to China where the air is so thick with smog that you can't breathe. While the seniors whose paychecks were looted by the government their entire lives are told they are getting less than expected or nothing at all, disability payouts for young people with hangnails (who barely ever worked) drain the system.

I, for one, am ready to vote for a common sense, moral, positive-thinking doer; not a clever, politically correct, smooth-talking spender. I hope we have a real choice this November.

P.S. Kudos to Jason Berry for standing up for his logging industry. Great letter!

Brenda M. Stickney
Andover

LUXURY LINER TO THE TOP

To the Editor:

For the collective electorate of this nation to comprehend and understand the dynamics leading to this country's present day economic circumstance, the best place to start would be at the beginning.

In the year 2001 the Republican candidate, George Bush was voted in as president of the United States. When taking over that office, one of President Bush's most crucial responsibilities was that of becoming custodian of the stable economic status that was left to him by the former Democratic President, Bill Clinton.

To initiate the Republicans' concept of a stable economy President Bush decided to become the captain of a two-vessel cruise ship line. A luxury liner for the benefit of the top monetary one percent, and a good deal less stable craft to accommodate the remaining ninety-nine percent.

At one point in his tenure Captain Bush initiated a tax break specifically designated to enhance the prevailing status of the top one percent, and to ensure the stability of their luxurious accommodation. This act by Captain Bush served as a prime contributor to the fact that by end of his term as President, the less stable craft that had accommodated the remaining ninety-nine percent, had been so further de-stabilized that it had capsized and cast the ninety-nine percent onto a republican initiated sea of uncertainty.

When Barack Obama became the President of the United States, the U.S. Economy was headed for Republican initiated oblivion. When becoming President, Obama also became the Captain of George Bush's economic cruise ship line. As captain of such President Obama decided that everyone should be in the same boat, play by the same rules and share proportionately in both the benefits and the liabilities.

In order to get everybody on board he first had to somehow extract the ninety-nine percent from the Republicans sea of uncertainty. This was a daunting task, given the fact that George Bush's maintenance crew, Mitch McConnell, John Boehner, Eric Cantor, and Paul Ryan were still aboard. Every time that Captain Obama tried to throw a life preserver to those floundering around in the Republicans sea of uncertainty, the former President's henchmen were standing on the rope, so that the life preservers would never reach the intended survivors.

Now that the time has come to decide whether to continue with Captain Obama or go back to that which had gotten us into this calamity in the first place, the Republicans find themselves between a rock and a hard place.

Their self-professed prime intent was to discredit President Obama to the point that he would not be re-elected. The problem with this ill-conceived endeavor is that the ninety-nine percent who are still immersed in the Republican's sea of uncertainty are voters, and they can plainly see who it is that is standing on the rope of their salvation. The Republican hierarchy now has but two options available to them. They can either do a complete about face and do what always would have been in the best interest of the collective citizenry of this nation or they can continue to discredit themselves and further impugn the chances of their chosen candidate becoming President of The United States.

Don Chase
Bethel

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

After the next rain B.B. inquired, "Could you keep ahead of all the water that runs down in the barn corner?" "Oh no, it just runs over the edge of the tub all the time." "Come with me."

Down to the garden house we went, and then crawled in under the large section of space I never ventured into. He had rigged a long pipe which came from the outside corner and emptied into a tin drum with a screen on the top. He took a pail, turned a faucet at the bottom, and out came water. "I thought you might run out of bath water," he said. I looked and the drum was full. There was also an overflow pipe which carried the water out to the moss rose bed. I went to see where the water came in. In the southwest corner behind the ferns, he had made a small cement depression with the under-the-barn pipe connected. Now as the tub placed here was full, the excess would not be wasted.

It was a wonderful device and our outdoor bathing became a habit. We felt cheated if we emptied the drum and all the tubs and were forced to bathe inside. By filling a tub in the forenoon, the heat of the sun warmed the water so there was no need of even heating teakettles. It also was a way of separating our guests who preferred comfort from those who were adventurous. Most of them enjoyed our outdoor bath as much as we did. Stanley F. enthused and being a person of many ideas, outlined a complicated way that we might rig up a shower. B.B. listened attentively, then said, "We have a shower most of the time after the Fourth of July anyway." "Where?" asked Stanley and where wondered I.

B.B. pointed to the two rows of asparagus growing thick and bushy, making food for next season's spears. "All you do," he said, "is just drop your bathrobe in the early a.m. before the sun dries the dew, run back and forth between the rows a few times and you'll know you've had a shower. Next a.m., Stanley, always game, tried it and pronounced it excellent, but once was enough for me; too cold.

Five years passed with no concern about water. B.B. fell into a part-time job for the privately-owned town water system. The company changed hands; the new owner wished to repair each leak with new copper pipe and the best of fittings. Perfectionist B.B. enjoyed this and made the most of the fine fall weather to install some new hydrants and new services. Then one December day I went out to gather greens for holiday decorating. I always took the lower limbs of fir trees, thus pruning at the same time. Branch after branch had dry yellowish needles rather than the usual glossy blue-green. I reported this to B.B. who explained it was probably due to an extremely dry summer and fall. Maybe it would be a good idea to measure the water in our well. He did and came in shocked; only four and a half feet and three feet of this was below the end of the pipe. Mimi came to make wreaths, we were gay and forgot the well. Soft snow began to fall. We walked out to the woods where B.B. was yarding out some pine and rode back on the sled. Phyl D. brought us some steak from her yearling beef and we had a festive dinner. I was just dozing off to sleep that night when I heard rain on the roof. I got up, pulled on an old coat and some boots, went outside and put the zinc tubs under all the eaves drips. The horses called to know what was going on but I silenced them with carrots. Back to bed satisfied that I was not letting any water go to waste.

Next a.m. we found little rain had fallen but did have a little in the tubs. Yesterday the house had seemed normal clean, today it seemed in need of much scrubbing. I put my rainwater to heat. The wind began to blow. Phyl phoned that maybe she should take home the two horses we had been keeping for her, both expensive registered Morgan brood mares. B.B. was not here to advise but I agreed with her and soon she drove in bringing two brides. I thought halters would be easier on their mouths in case they slipped on the icy road. Dixie Ann walked sedately with the dignity of her years but Melly Morrow was young and gay and cavorted about in circles, but we landed them in their new barn, walked back, had a cup of tea and then Phyl drove home. Came dinner time and in burst B.B. "Where are the Dock horses?" "Don't worry, Phyl and I walked them home." "On this ice under snow, did you bridle them for control?" "Oh, no, said I. B.B. sat down in despair. I went on, "I was afraid to hurt their mouths. You are always drilling us about that, but we bent their neck and let them circle and they did not slip even once." B.B. stared and said, "Only a cliché will suffice. I wouldn't have taken them today myself. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." "Know nothing, fear nothing," said I.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel Furniture Stock was producing a new chair kit, starting at \$67, which allowed customers to build their own chairs from parts custom manufactured at the West Bethel plant.

As a community service project, Brownie Troop 155 collected 490 pounds of food and \$265 in cash that they donated to the Bethel District Exchange Food Pantry.

At the Rotary Club's weekly meeting, Wendy Iseman presented a program on Maine Handicapped Skiing.

Birth: Breannan Allister, MacDormand.

Deaths: Herbert E. Knox, Duane F. Winslow, June A. Onorati, Roberta Isley.

20 years ago: Over 120 family members and friends helped Ruth and Arthur Cummings celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Two teams from Telstar Middle School took first place in the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition at Telstar.

Brian Mills was chosen as chairman of the Andover board of selectmen.

Births: Sarah Davis Keniston, Cody Vincent Smith.

30 years ago: The Bethel Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed William H. Judson as Town Manager.

Voters at the Bethel town meeting approved the purchase of the Cole Block from the Bethel Savings Bank at the cost of \$1.

Kathryn Haskell Davis received her Master of Library Science degree from The University of Rhode Island at Kingston.

Birth: Curtis Chapin Krauss.

Death: Mrs. Mildred C. Barker.

40 years ago: The A&P Store was advertising broccoli at 35 cents a bunch, 20-pound bag of potatoes for 98 cents, Swift's Premium sliced bacon at 85 cents a pound, and sirloin steak at \$1.39 a pound.

Births: Matthew Thomas as Lincoln, Jennifer Arlene Stowell.

Death: Mrs. Annie K. Morgan.

50 years ago: According to a study made by the Sunday River Ski Club, some \$10,000 was spent by visiting skiers in the community during the USEASA Alpine Championships at Sunday River.

Bethel Town Manager Harold Bean resigned to accept a position as town manager at Wilton.

Births: Herman Morton, Debra Lea Coulombe.

Death: Mrs. Victoria Rodrique.

60 years ago: The Stanley hockey arena at Hebron Academy was demolished when it collapsed from the weight of snow.

Birth: Lila Marie Wight.

70 years ago: The E.L. Tebbets Spool Co. organized a fire fighting force at Locke Mills.

Donald M. Nelson, chair of war production, declared a critical shortage of rubber. The public was warned to proceed accordingly.

Deaths: George C. Cole, Mrs. Eva B. Beedy.

80 years ago: The Greenwood Community Club presented the drama "And Mary Did" at the town hall.

It was decided at the Corporation meeting to have new lights near the residences of Ralph Moore, Paradise Street, Charles Merrill, "Lover's Lane," and also one near the R. R. station.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Richardson, W. W. Abbott.

90 years ago: \$500 was voted at the Corporation meeting to purchase and install an electric fire whistle.

Men were shoveling the big drifts on the Grover Hill road. Bennett's Garage was opened at West Bethel.

Death: Cleon Osgood.

100 years ago: C. C. Bryant lost a horse, two automobiles, two carriages, a sleigh and 10 tons of hay in an early morning fire which broke out in his stable on Mechanic Street.

W. A. Bragg, salesman for the Grand Union Tea Co., was distributing souvenir spoons to their customers celebrating Grand Union's 25th anniversary.

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Letters

THANKS TO A WONDERFUL TOWN

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the residents of Gilead for the support I received while serving as selectperson for this wonderful town. It has been my pleasure to be of service to Gilead taxpayers. I will not be running for another term as my husband, David, and I have moved to Bethel, not because we don't love Gilead, but at this time in our lives it seemed appropriate to be in Bethel. It was a decision that came hard for both of us and we do plan to stay in Bethel. There had been some thoughts of building in Gilead again, but we decided to stay right where we are. Moving is no fun and we have gotten settled into our house. Now we plan to be in this house until God moves us.

There were several things that I have worked long, hard hours on in hopes that it would help get the information needed in the town office, such as Tree Growth. Other things I have done was to help form a Gilead recreation committee which I do hope will carry on and be of a benefit and enjoyment to all residents. I also was proactive in getting the trash compactor in place which has saved Gilead a good deal of money. I hope the people that supported me are satisfied that I did the job they elected me to.

I also want to let people know that I feel we should be thankful for our small but dedicated Fire Department. They should be respected and thanked for their efforts, the firemen/women are very dedicated and without them Gilead would be dependent on other towns that have a lot on their plates already. Also, there might be a big change in insurance rates.

The same is true for our road commissioner, the money Gilead saves by having a person that can repair, and care for equipment is saving Gilead taxpayers more than most people are aware of.

Again, thanks to all the people that helped me and supported me. I am thankful for your visits to my office and your phone calls. I do hope you know that each of your questions were important to me. I did my best to answer each question with information that helped you make good choices in things that were problematic to you.

Please help your elected officials by bringing your questions or problems to meetings so you have a better understanding of what they are trying to accomplish. This goes for not only selectmen or women, but for all elected officials.

Once more, thank all of you for your support I wish I could continue as your selectperson but we are no longer Gilead residents and will be registering as Bethel residents soon. We still love Gilead and we still have lots of property there, so we won't be strangers.

Fran Head
Bethel

RUNNING IN ANDOVER

To the Editor:

I am looking to secure a seat on the Andover Selectboard on Tuesday, March 20, as Trudy Akers will not be seeking re-election.

My fondest childhood memories are the days spent in Andover with my Aunt Georgie Fraser or at my family's camp on South Arm Road. My great-grandmother was Doris Marston who worked at the Telephone Office. These connections made me want to raise my own three children, Kayla 23, Nicolas, 21 and Karissah 17, in Andover with my husband, Danny Peare.

I see the challenges of preserving Andover's charms for future generations. At the same time, we need to push ourselves to get the most out of our tax spending along the way. I hope to engage and lure the younger generation to carry on what our town elders have given us. I see the importance of supporting area growth if Andover is going to thrive and want to help make it easier for working families to participate in the future of the Town.

I enjoy serving the public and currently co-administer's the Andover Food Pantry. Recently, I joined the Andover Historical Society in order to share my 25-year love of local genealogy and extensive historic photo collection with other Andover natives. My BS degree is from UMA which I earned at age 40. I also was a substitute teacher for SAD 44 and SAD 43 for six years.

I am asking for your vote and am looking forward to serving my Andover friends and extended family. The current Board has been working hard to support accountability in all Town departments and services, and I will bring an enthusiastic, yet positive outlook to keep taxes low and processes easier for future generations.

Kim Gautreau-Peare
Andover

SUPPORTS GAUTREAU-PEARE

To the Editor:

Having worked in the Town Office as secretary a couple years ago, I am writing in support of Kim Gautreau-Peare for Selectboard. Kim has the passion for this community that is needed in the selectman's role. Kim has proven that with her willingness to help administer the Food Pantry and her overall interest and participation in town meetings. She has the business skills and sense, as well, to help keep things on track.

One thing I learned from working in the Town Office is that computer literacy is a must to run in town government in 2012. The Maine Statutes are not printed in books anymore. Everything is on the computer. Even to contact the MMA, you must be able to get on and navigate their website. The Selectboard does tons of research each week following up on citizen questions, requests and keeping policies updated. Kim has great computer and research skills. Many know her interest in local genealogy, her passion keeps her active in knowing how to research in a modern world efficiently.

Kim is right for the board — she has a strong respect for Andover's heritage, while great and open vision for the future. Now she wants to help ensure that Andover can remain solid for the next generation. This is going to take work and passion — Kim has that. Please get out and vote for Kim!

Vicky Hughes
Andover

Note: Another letter regarding the Andover election appears on our website at www.bethelcitizen.com

Briefly

Plans for Matthew Thurston funds

BETHEL—Organizers of a Walk-a-Thon last fall to benefit an eight-year-old boy who later died of injuries sustained in a car accident have decided how the funds raised will be allocated. Last August Matthew Thurston, a pupil at the Crescent Park Elementary School, was a passenger in a car driven by his mother, Jessica, that was in an accident in Oxford. The Walk-a-Thon, the idea of his CPS classmates, raised \$4,065 to purchase equipment that would help him if he was able to return home. Since his death, adults who helped with the effort have considered their options. Fran Head said last week the funds are going toward a headstone for the boy, and the rest would benefit pupils at CPS, perhaps through donations to the school library, art or music programs. A plaque in memory of Matthew will be placed in the library. "We want people to know what the money will be used for," said Head.

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dundancy) could cost around \$200,000 in materials and labor, according to a quote from Honeywell Inc. of Westbrook. Each boiler alone would cost \$45,000. The district would have the option of purchasing only one.

In its quote, Honeywell said, "There is no way to pinpoint the time remaining until a section fails, but could happen at any time based on its age. Replacement sections are no longer available to conduct repairs on the boiler."

In addition, because the boiler is sealed with asbestos, there would also be abatement costs, which were not part of the quote.

Bethel Director Roberta Taylor wondered how the costs might fit in with the Town of Andover's estimated \$68,000 cost for the annual building and grounds operation of AES. The town is proposing to pay up to that much extra over its normal district share next year, in order to keep the school open.

Superintendent Dave Murphy said Andover's figure was based on information provided last year by the state, which establishes a formula to determine how much a town would pay in such a situation.

"This is the first report we've had on this (the boiler issue)," he said.

But, he noted, "the boiler still functions. It could function another 10 years."

After the meeting, Murphy said if Andover continues from year to year to vote an amount of money to keep the school open, significant costs like a boiler replacement might be factored in by the state in determining its formula.

In the short term, the district would be obligated to assume the cost of repair or replacement.

WES

At the Woodstock Elementary School, staff and students currently drink bottled water. Although the well water runs through a filtration system, "it's become more difficult to maintain the system to meet

water-testing standards," Deegan said.

And while the students can continue to drink bottled water, there is always a possibility a student may forget and drink from a faucet, so that water must still meet safety standards.

Options under consideration to fix the problem include replacing the equipment; constructing an addition to WES and replacing multiple pieces of equipment to make the system as efficient as possible; and installing a tank system with pumps, to eliminate the current filtration requirement. Cost estimates range from \$4,600 to \$7,100.

Bus garage

At the bus garage, the firebox for the 1940s oil furnace has fallen in, Deegan said. The furnace had a life expectancy of 20 years.

Installation of a new heating system is estimated to cost \$60,000, but other associated equipment would also have to be purchased.

Murphy said the board's Facilities Committee has been studying options for relocating the garage, a possibility that has been discussed over several years.

"If you're talking about putting \$60,000 or \$70,000 into (the furnace), it's time to think about whether there are other options," he said.

Board Chair Sid Pew of Andover said the garage and WES would likely be the most pressing priorities.

Telstar upgrade

In another facilities-related issue, the board approved up to \$15,000 for Honeywell Inc. to do an audit and develop recommendations for energy conservation and air quality improvements at the Telstar complex.

The action comes a year after Bravo Zulu Energy of Topsham performed an energy audit at the complex, at a cost of \$8,500.

Director Deb Webster of Newry wondered about the distinction between the two audits. "It feels like we're double paying," she said.

Murphy said Honeywell would use some of the earlier information, but this next step "takes it to the next level."

He acknowledged that "with what we know now, maybe we didn't need to do as much."

After the next step, he said, the board could choose to go to a detailed engineering study that lays out specific projects.

Murphy said the district could have up to \$2.5 million available for financing work the board might ultimately recommend. In recent years, SAD 44 has put aside \$1.2 million toward such a project, and the rest might be covered through a no-interest federal bond program.

Murphy said the Honeywell evaluation might be done by the end of the school year, and a district referendum on the project could take place in November, if directors approve.

Electricity, report cards

In some good facility-related news, Murphy said SAD 44 has entered into a four-year contract with Maine Power Options Constellation Energy that will save an estimated \$27,000 a year in electricity costs.

In other business at Monday's meeting, WES Teaching Principal Jolene Littlehale presented a proposal from elementary teachers for a new report card format. Instead of the traditional averaging of grades to produce a letter grade in each subject, the cards would align with educational standards used in state and other assessment testing.

The format could be better tailored for each student, she said. "It's really a report card for the child, not for a third-grader," she said.

The cards could incorporate an assessment scale using the numbers one through four, said Littlehale.

The plan calls for fine-tuning the card and using it this quarter at WES in addition to the traditional card, she said.

A meeting with parents to critique the new card is planned for March 29 at 5:30 at WES. Other district parents are welcome to attend.

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back to voters, because with the increasing workload demanded of selectmen, fewer people are willing to serve on the board, especially for multiple terms.

As a result, it can be difficult to maintain consistency and depth of experience in town business, she said.

Money articles/referendum Large money articles include a proposal to rebuild a one-mile section of the Farmer's Hill Road for \$300,000. If approved, the project would not affect taxes until next year, when the first payment would be due as part of an eight-year road bond.

Another article proposes replacing the Highway Department's one-ton truck, which is approximately 10 years old. Merrow said the cost is estimated at about \$40,000, and the town has \$36,000 set aside in an account for such purchases.

A second vehicle-related article asks for \$11,000 for repairs to the Fire Department's 1975 ladder truck. Another article proposes researching a shared-use agreement on a regional ladder truck.

The Fire Department is also requesting \$7,700 as a match to a \$146,300 federal grant received for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

The grant would pay for 22 units, and would reduce a related budget request this year by \$2,000, as well as reduce annual testing expenses for the

equipment by \$1,500 in subsequent years.

The Town Office/General Municipal Account proposal is up \$9,700 from last year, to \$70,777.

Last year the town office closed for a week, and the secretary took a three-week unpaid leave, said Merrow.

Restoring those items to a full year account for part of the increase, with the remaining amount taken up by such items as training, accounting-program fees and employee raises, if approved.

Going down this year is the request for the Transfer Station Account, from \$55,000 last year to \$48,000.

"That's all about (employees) Mona White and Skip Sylvester," said Merrow, praising their management of the station.

An article recommending that town surplus funds exceeding \$120,000 be used for tax reduction would leave \$20,000 more in surplus than last year, Merrow said, to help stabilize cash flow.

The surplus account currently has more money than last year, she said, providing more for tax relief.

Last year there was \$117,000 in the account before town meeting, while this year there is \$295,000, she said.

Tuesday's referendum question regarding negotiation with SAD 44 asks for authorization for selectmen to negotiate keeping AES open next

year, at a total cost to the town not to exceed \$68,000.

After the School Board voted initially last year to close the school for this current school year, the town voted to pay an extra \$214,000 to keep it open. Selectmen hope to negotiate a lesser cost for 2012-2013.

If all money items pass (and the SAD 44 School Board agrees to the \$68,000 figure), Merrow calculated that the amount to be raised from taxes would total \$615,187, compared to \$552,610 last year. Under that scenario, said Merrow, taxes for the municipal budget would likely not increase, thanks to the surplus money.

Saturday's meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Elections

In town elections Tuesday, there are multiple candidates for several seats.

Firefighter Butch Glover is challenging incumbent Chief Rob Dixon.

Selectman Trudy Akers is retiring, and and Judy Tabb and Kim Gautreau Peare are running for the three-year term.

Longtime SAD 44 School Board director (and chair) Sid Pew is also retiring. Running for the seat are Wally Smith and Mark Shraiberg.

Up for re-election unopposed are Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melinda Averill.

Polling hours are 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Trails

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In this poor economy, he said, "we know we have saved businesses."

He said inns, home rentals and other businesses have benefited.

"People are building second homes to be near the trails," said Tierney. The area has also become a draw for "mountain bike weddings," he said.

The KT network relies on the participation of 55 private landowners and a cooperative agreement with the adjacent Burke Mountain Ski Resort.

Bethel possibilities

The public Bingham land abuts Sunday River Ski Resort, making a similar arrangement possible, although likely on a smaller scale.

Sunday River offers steep trails and jumps for the more adventurous bikers, so trails laid out over gentler terrain on the Bingham parcel could complement the SR trails, according to BCC member Landon Fake.

On the Bingham land, "There already exists a network of several miles of logging roads, some of which were built to a high standard," said Fake. The 2,400-acre Bingham parcel, he said, "is plenty to have a trail network. It's about the

size of the entire Sunday River ski area trail network.

"I doubt you could, or would want to, fit in the 110 miles of trail that KT has. Having several miles of well-made and well-maintained 'single track' — an 18-inch-wide dirt path that winds around the valley — seems entirely in keeping with Bingham's desire for the land to be used for low impact recreation."

Having the land contribute to the economy of the town, said Fake, "seems especially appropriate. Mountain bike trails are usually easier to build and maintain than hiking trails, because they follow the terrain more and aren't designed to get the rider to a certain point. They don't preclude other uses of the land like hiking, hunting and logging. KT closes their trails to biking at the start of deer season."

Fake said the BCC is exploring the options in the context of a 20-year management plan that must be created for the parcel by next year, in keeping with an agreement with the state.

"As the baseline documentation and management plan are written, there needs to be more specific assessment of

what areas are appropriate for mountain biking, how it fits with management roads, the protection of wildlife habitat, and the protection of the brook as an emergency water supply [for the Bethel Water District]."

Bingham recreational trails would likely be managed by a separate organization.

"Towns usually aren't great at managing things like a recreational trail network that is at least partly designed to attract visitors," said Fake. "So besides a new town 'authority,' there would need to be another entity to manage something that was anywhere near the scale of KT. The Kingdom Trail Association is a separate nonprofit that works very closely with the town of East Burke, as well as landowners and the Burke Mountain ski area."

Fake said the next step would likely be to seek help from the New England Mountain Bike Association in locating potential trails and trail corridors.

And, he said, "the business community, especially the hospitality businesses that would stand to benefit most, will need to put their shoulders to the wheel."



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The Girl Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th anniversary. I'm sure that GSA founder Juliette Low would be so proud to know that her little organization that started with only 18 girls still exists and now has a membership of 3.2 million young ladies.

That is quite an accomplishment! And, there have been some pretty well-known women who spent their girlhood years in the green uniform.

According to Parade magazine Hillary Clinton, Reese Witherspoon, Laura Bush, Dakota Fanning, Katie Couric and Fergie, of Black Eyed Peas fame were all Girl Scouts.

Not mentioned in Parade magazine is a less well-known woman who also wore the uniform and that is your's truly.

I have some very fond memories of being a Girl Scout. However, I suspect that my Den Mother from all those years ago does not share the same fondness of memories as far as my membership goes. In truth, I was not the best little Girl Scout of my generation.

I tried hard, I really did, but I guess I had other priorities at the time. As I recall American Bandstand was on television at the same time as our meetings so I often missed the meetings or showed up late. I tried to convenience the Den Mother that I was working on my dancing merit badge to no avail. I think there was a merit badge associated with being dependable that I never received.

I did earn several other merit badges and I was quite proud of that little fact. I even spent quite a bit of time sewing the merit badges onto my sash though I didn't put them in any particular order nor did I space them according to Girl Scout regulations and there were threads sticking out all over the sash. Ironically, one of the merit badges was for sewing; my Den Mother was not amused.

"I could manufacture a good flow of tears when needed to seal the deal."

According to Parade magazine the merit badges have been somewhat updated and now include Computer Expert, Good Credit, Website Designer, Product Designer and Digital Movie Maker. I have serious doubts that I would be able to earn any of those badges.

I didn't do all that well earning the camping badge at the Camporees we had to attend either. Even though I was a bit of a tomboy I wasn't all that fond of pitching a tent or sleeping on the ground. I was even less fond of the Girl Scout stew we cooked over the campfire. In fact, I refused to eat it and I think I even cried about it. Again, my Den Mother was not amused.

I was the Queen of cookie sales though. I lived directly across the street from a large shoe factory and I would go stand outside the main door with my sign-up list. I don't think it was so much my sales technique as the fact that I really looked quite pathetic; always had holes in my sneakers and there was always at least one sock that would be down around my ankle. I had a good smattering of freckles back then, which the men seemed to get a kick out of and would therefore buy from me and I could manufacture a good flow of tears when needed to seal the deal.

Whatever the case, I had no problem selling cookies to beat the band and certainly no problem earning the Sales merit badge. It was not unusual for me to sell 100 to 150 boxes of cookies. The Girl Scouts of the United States (as they are now called) now sell over 2 million boxes of cookies each year.

The Girl Scouts have certainly helped millions of girls in building self esteem and showing them how to serve God and their country and to help people at all times especially themselves, including me.

The organization has come a long way since Juliette Low formed the first group in Savannah, Georgia 100 years ago, and the way I see it that is worth a big tip of the Girl Scout hat, which by the way, I still have mine to do the tipping with.

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, March 7

At 2:44 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report of the theft of a wallet and cash.

At 4:57 p.m. a subject reported someone had tried to scam him on the Internet. Deputy Matt Noyes did a report on it.

Thursday, March 8

At 5:44 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Matt Baker stopped a vehicle on Route 2 for a traffic violation.

At 6:57 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes, George Cayer and Matt Baker responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of a domestic dispute. It proved to be several children being very loud with no adult supervision.

At 11:37 p.m. on the North Road Deputy Matt Noyes and Cpl. Brian Landis arrested Cynthia Hendrickson, 57, of Gloucester, Mass. for OUI.

Friday, March 9

At 6:49 a.m., after a traffic stop on Martin's Lane, Deputy Dani Welch summonsed Herbert K Hosie, 41, for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

At 7:11 p.m. a vehicle was reported stolen from Main Street. A short time later the dispatcher advised someone had observed an abandoned vehicle in their driveway. It was the same vehicle. There was no damage, and the owner was notified to retrieve it.

At 10:31 p.m. on Summer Street Deputy Matt Noyes and Cpl. Brian Landis stopped a vehicle for a headlight defect. Sylvia Thompson, 25, of Bethel was arrested for operating a motor vehicle after suspension with one prior conviction for the same. She was also summonsed for failing to produce insurance.

Saturday, March 10

At 1:37 a.m. on Route 2 Deputy Matt Noyes summonsed a minor for littering.

At 11:26 a.m. a caller asked to speak to a deputy regarding individuals who came to the door regarding religious materials. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 9:01 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked on a field on Route 232. The deputy arrived just as the vehicle was leaving. He stopped it and identified the occupants, and advised them to stay out of the field.

At 12:06 a.m. on Route 2 Cpl. Brian Landis arrested Gabrielle Stoppini, 26, of Elmhurst, Pa. for OUI.

Sunday, March 11

At 1:22 p.m. on Cross Street Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputy Mike Halacy arrested Justin J. Merchant, 23, of Bryant Pond for violation of conditions of release.

At 4:58 p.m. on the Walkers Mills Road Cpl. Justin Brown arrested Travis Walker, 21, of Bethel on an outstanding court arrest warrant.

Monday, March 12

At 11:46 a.m. a Main Street business owner reported a theft. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 4:32 p.m. a Liberty Lane caller reported an ATV problem. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the OCSD, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Seniors

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ly back and forth, and affects her distant vision, depth perception and balance. She judges that her overall ability to see is roughly similar to Britany's.

Her condition was discovered at age three months. "They thought I was blind at first," she said.

The two girls have made similar adjustments to help them in school.

From the start they sat at the front of the classroom in order to better see the board and the teacher. They wrote on large paper, in large print. And both used the "zoom" feature to read and write on the computer.

For Britany, moving to Telstar in sixth grade caused some anxiety. "I was very scared to walk down the hallway," she said.

But the relatively small area in which the sixth-grade classrooms were located reassured her, and helped her adapt to the larger school.

In high school, both girls have utilized classmates to help them keep track of information the teacher writes on the board. They took geometry together - a particularly challenging class visually because of the shapes involved.

"We had an upperclassman who wrote down the notes

from the board for us," said Emily.

The girls said they have grown closer over the past two years. "We understand each other," said Britany.

Outside of the classroom, Britany and Emily have a full plate of activities.

For years Britany has danced in productions of the Top Tappin' Dance Studio in Bethel, where, she said, "if you're not watching dance, then the visual part is out. It's all about your body and movement."

She particularly enjoys lyrical dance, a contemporary combination of ballet and jazz.

This year, Britany has been helping to teach a class of the youngest students, and is doing the choreography for them.

She's also active in extra-curriculars at Telstar, where she was Student Council co-president and has served as class co-president for the past two years.

Emily has also been involved in student government, serving as secretary of the Student Council.

She's also active in youth groups at the Bethel Alliance Church, where her father is the minister.

Like Britany, she too enjoys

spending time on the performing stage. "Drama is my big thing," she said.

Emily also plays the flute in the high school band, and sings solo. She has performed the National Anthem at several public events.

For the most part, she said, she navigates the stage without a problem. The only time she asks for help is between drama scenes when the lights go down.

When the girls venture outside their regular routines - such as going to performance competitions or events in other places - they use strategies, when needed, for dealing with people unfamiliar with their conditions.

In musical competitions, said Emily, "I usually don't explain it, because I want people to judge me on my performance."

But in more casual situations, "I like it when people ask," she said, so she can simply explain her condition and then move on to other things.

Britany, whose condition is less obvious to the observer, said she will sometimes mention it during "ice breaker" activities at an event, or will simply tell one person and let them pass it along.

Both girls said situations such as parties or other so-

cial gatherings can be the most challenging, when they are uncertain who is around them. They often rely on a friend to keep them informed.

The two seniors are looking ahead to next year, when both plan to attend college.

Emily will return to her hometown of Nyack, N.Y., to attend Nyack College. She plans to major in music education. "I'd like to be a choral conductor someday," she said. "I like the sound of hundreds of voices singing together."

Britany will attend the University of Maine at Farmington. She will major in rehabilitation services, in order to one day work as a counselor, perhaps using animals to connect with people in need of support.

The move to college will add a new set of navigational adjustments, but the girls are confident they can handle them.

Asked if the challenges she has faced have had a positive side, Britany cites the effect it has had on her family.

"My mom has told me a million times how I inspire her," she said. "But I don't think I surprise myself a lot because I know I can do it. There are not as many boundaries as you might think."

Byways

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the forest."

But on the questions of byways' economic impacts, Stearns was unconvinced.

He cited a parcel owned by Chadbourne.

"The one piece of property that we own would be most affected by 'scenic' portion of this byway," he said.

"If the scenic byway was extended down to Route 2, it would take into account about half of a 950-acre we own that goes from Sunday River over the mountain to the Bear River."

"We don't necessarily want that to be 'traditional-use,' because of the impact of Sunday River, the ski area."

"So our concern would be that because of the byway we

couldn't use it in a nontraditional way," Stearns said.

Michaud replied: "This group has no power to regulate. ... It's purely the Town of Newry, and that could shift on a dime."

With one election you could have a shift in the attitude of the community and that could affect plans and affect you."

"I can tell you that in no case I can find in the state of Maine, or in most places across the country there's never been a 'taking' to do with a byway."

Zinchuk picked up on that theme.

Noting that the current byway has been a designated byway for 40 years, she asked the Newry representatives:

"Change has occurred in Newry over that course of time."

Has anybody come to the town of Newry representing that byway saying you could or could not allow a permit?"

Pointing out that over that period of time there have been several developments along Newry's 3.2 miles of byway, she asked: "Has there been anybody who said you couldn't do something along that stretch of road?"

No such example was cited, but Morton said a management plan would change that.

"The original byway was pretty much benign - it was just a sign," he said.

But pointing to the 2000 plan, Morton argued: "This was a management plan; this did have directives to change or finances."

The reason it had no real effect, he said, was that it was never actually implemented.

"This never got off the ground," Morton said.

Stearns said: "I'm not fundamentally opposed to a byway, but I know from meetings I've been to, from current things that are going on in this area, that people take these documents, and they try to regulate with them."

Judkins agreed. "They just use it as a battering ram sometimes," she said, "and it's an intent that wasn't there at its outset."

The next meeting of the committee will be at 3 p.m., April 9, at the Newry Town Office. Meetings are open to the public.

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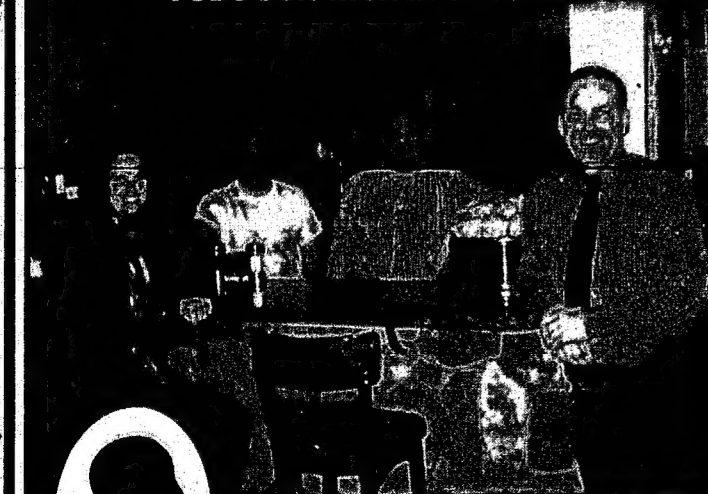
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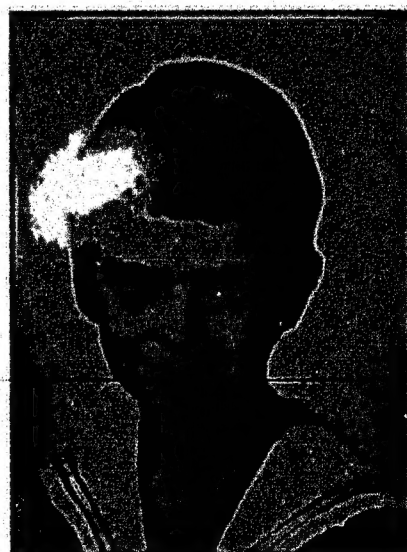
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



If you've read my column before, you know one of my favorite places is Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills. The pet care center is a no-kill shelter for cats and dogs, which is located in Norway. The shelter helps protect hundreds of animals each year, while trying to find them new adoptive homes. Supporters can help Responsible Pet Care earn \$500 by "Liking" Call of the Wild RV on their Facebook page. For every "Like," Call of the Wild receives, Responsible Pet Care will get \$1, up to \$500. It only takes a few minutes to help the shelter. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/callofthewildrv?w=wall>. If you are not a fan of Facebook and want to help the shelter, you can drop off donations of money, litter, bleach, and food (for kittens, dogs, and cats) at the shelter at 132 Waterford Road in Norway. You can call them at 743-8679 and ask what they need.

The early March snow is leaving as quickly as it arrived. Temperatures this past week hit the 40s and 50s, melting snow and ice. Even though the calendar says it is still ice fishing season, not all ice is safe for recreational activity. Wardens are warning people to check the ice before going out onto lakes and ponds.

Although some outdoor winter activities have been canceled because of no snow, there are plenty of indoor activities. The Rotary Club Spring All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast Buffet is on Sunday, March 18, from 7:30 to 11 a.m. The breakfast is at the Ordway Dining Hall at Gould Academy on Church Street. This event raises money for the

club's community projects and scholarships. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 or younger. Advance tickets are still on sale for \$7 from Rotary Club members or at these locations: River View Resort, Rostay Inn, and Mt. Mann Jewelers.

Don't forget the 2012 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign. On Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, volunteers will be selling daffodil bouquets at the Bethel Foodliner. Money raised through the sale of daffodils helps provide resources to help cancer patients in this area and for cancer research.

Sunday, March 25, is Maine Maple Sunday. If you've never visited a sugar house or seen how maple syrup is produced, this is the day to do it. Maine Maple Sunday, always the fourth Sunday in March, is sponsored by the Maine Maple Producers Association. Sugar houses across the state are open to the public. Most offer demonstrations of how pure maple syrup is made and free samples of syrup or candy. Some sugar houses also offer food, games, tours, and farm animals. Try to visit several sugar houses. Each of them is unique. For a list and map of sugar houses participating this year, visit the website www.mainemapleproducers.com.

If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Even though Greenwood roads are posted to prevent further damage to them and the resultant expense to Greenwood taxpayers, there are some loggers who continue to drive loaded trucks over the posted roads

according to Town Manager Kim Sparks. She said of fending loggers have been warned several times and that any further violations will be reported directly to the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

The Selectmen have scheduled a public hearing on the proposed State Building and Energy Codes for Tuesday, March 20, 6 p.m., at the town office. Towns the size of Greenwood have the option of accepting or rejecting the proposed codes.

Letters of notification for tree growth plan updates will be mailed this week to 79 people who have land in tree growth. These 79 owners will need to file an updated harvest/management plan for their tree growth land or face stiff fines imposed by the state.

The tax-increment financing proposal (TIF) submitted by Mt. Abram was tabled by selectmen for another year.

The Budget Committee met again last week and is continuing to work with the fire department to reduce the department's budget request.

Haven't these warm daytime temperatures been a delight. Regardless of the fact that this has been one of our less severe winters, it feels great to be able to go out of the house with only a light jacket or sweater. 50 degrees in March and it's almost t-shirt weather. 50 degrees in October and I'm getting out the down jacket. Ah, perspective. Glad we are on the March end.

The ice on the ponds has pools of water and brown areas on top by day. When the sun is shining brightly on the pond, I can hear the ice rotting along the shores. Wonder if it might be an early ice-out this year?

And, just in case you were starting to feel a sigh of relief that the burden of winter is easing, Greenwood property taxes are due April 1.

Please send news to 3taichie@gmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association would like people to know that they intend to serve breakfast Sundays until Mothers Day, May 13. The first annual "Krystal Carnival" will take place Saturday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games and prizes for kids of all ages at the Upton School House. Buy tickets to play the games, and build up your winning bracelets to trade in for prizes, \$1 for 5 tickets and \$10 for 5 tickets. There will be concessions available in the Ladies Aid building. Donations for the concessions will be accepted and appreciated. This will be a fun way to start the spring. Please bring your kids (all children must be accompanied by an adult) and enjoy the day. For more information call Krystal at 346-1662.

The ride-in/cookout at the Sugar Shack was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped, to everyone who came and enjoyed the ride and the food, and a special thank you to Marie and Ray Chabot for being such gracious hosts.

The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, March 25, at 1 p.m. in the Upton House. They will discuss events, themes, helping with the parade, and ideas for their part of Upton Fun Day. They will also work on plans for a work party to help with cleanup of Forest Lodge. I failed to attend the Selectmen's meeting last Tuesday. Bob informed me that it was a typical meeting. There were no problems, controversies, or issues. I expect to attend the meeting in April. Please remember that the Town Office will NOT BE OPEN either March 27 or March 29.

Neil and I took the "little sleds" out for about three hours on Sunday. The hard crust allows travel to places that are usually inaccessible, and we explored several hill-tops and rode around in recently logged areas. When I do get stuck, Neil picks the Bravo up and sets it on top of the crust, and off we go.

Sometime this winter I noticed the appearance of small reflectors on the back of the road signs in Grafton. No doubt D.O.T. has a reason for them, and probably I will be

come accustomed to them, but they sure are a distraction in moose country.

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Andover

By JANE RICH



Town Meeting will be Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. with a luncheon during the noon break. Let your voice be heard in this earliest and truest form of democracy. In preparation for town meeting and voting on the 20th, a public hearing was held on Saturday morning explaining an option for keeping our school open for another year. This will be a referendum question. In addition to that question, voters will be electing town officials. There are contests in three of the categories. Kim Gautreau Pearce and Judy Tabb will be vying for the selectman's seat being vacated by Trudy Akers. The contestants for school board director are Wally Smith and Mark Shraiberg. I was unable to contact them this past week, but can give you some information. Smith grew up in Andover and attended schools here and is married to Melissa Bailey. They have four children. Mark is married to Angie Percival and they have a daughter, Sophie. For the first time in several years, there is a contest for Fire Chief. Current chief, Rob Dixon, is seeking re-election and is being challenged by Butch Glover.

The Town Report reveals some interesting statistics for our community. Past due taxes as of Dec. 31 amounted to \$127,837.93. The Fire Department responded to 69 calls, 28 of which were EMS calls. Since I was the recipient of two of them in 2011, I can attest to the wonderful work these on-call people do for our community. There were four each of structure fires and chimney fires. The department also responds to motor vehicle accidents, woods and grass fires. All done with volunteers!

The Andover Educational Fund Board of Directors met on Sunday night to consider application form changes for the Charles A. Cutting Endowment Fund and other administrative matters. The board is looking for new members. Once the re-organization is completed, the board will return to quarterly meetings.

This is an important service to the young people of our community in helping them to finance higher education. Get well wishes to Sharon Hutchins and Laura Hutchins.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



It was a pretty decent weekend, weather wise. A lot of the snow has melted and a good part of the front lawn is now visible. At least some of the birds think that spring has arrived. We looked out Saturday and saw a few different birds. There were cowbirds, grackles, red-winged blackbirds and robins out there. Mr. Cardinal was singing and flying from one bush to another before he decided to join the rest of the birds on the ground. On Sunday, there were sparrows, goldfinches and purple finches. There were also two little chipmunks that appeared from different directions and loaded up their cheeks with seeds and scurried back to their holes in the yard. One of them has a hole in the snow that he tunnels through and goes out of sight into the ground. Quite a lot of activity.

The big surprise was around 8:30 Saturday night, when I looked out and saw something on the porch railing. It looked like a chipmunk or a red squirrel. When we turned on the porch light, we could see that there were no stripes, and it was sort of a brown color. It was bigger than a chipmunk and smaller than a red squirrel. The only squirrel that I know of that comes out at night is a flying squirrel, so maybe that is what it was.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by on his way home from the transfer station. We were discussing the wind towers on Spruce Mountain. Has anyone noticed that you can see them from Gilead on Route 2. I noticed one morning a couple of weeks ago when I was heading for work, that when you go around the corner at the end of the straight away at Taylor's, you can see two of the towers. They are just to the left of Mt. Abram. The weather has to be clear and you can only see them for a couple of minutes

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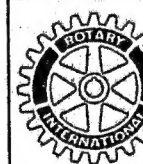
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and then they go out of sight. Steve and Lise McLain attended a birthday party for their son, Brad, last Sunday. The party was held at the home of Brad and his wife, Carole Mason, on the North Road in Bethel. They all enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Lise McLain picked up her father, Gerard Dupont, at Ledgeview and took him to a doctor's appointment in South Paris.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Lise McLain who has a birthday this month on March 20.

Our son, Chris, called last Sunday to catch up on what is happening in Gilead. That took a couple of minutes and then we found out what was happening in St. Cloud, Minn. He has been busy at work at the radio station and Kym is busy at her job at Best Buy. Maryiah has been busy at school and will be graduating this June and then it is off to college.

Hugh's brother, Bill Lord from Sun City West, Ariz., called on Sunday, also. Since I got him onto the I Grew Up in Bethel Facebook page, he has been enjoying reading the comments and looking at all the old pictures. There are now over 335 members on the site. It was good to hear from Bill and find out that he and his wife, Barb, are doing well out there in the 80-degree weather.

Mary Tyler's granddaughter, Starr Trefrey, spent last week with Mary. Starr was on vacation from high school.

Gilead Historical Society
Mary Tyler stopped by to catch up on the fundraiser for the Gilead Historical Society that she is working on. The 2013 calendar is ready to be printed and will be available soon. Those who have pre-ordered will be receiving them in the mail or can pick them up. There will be copies available for sale at Friends and Family Day in June for those who missed out on pre-ordering.

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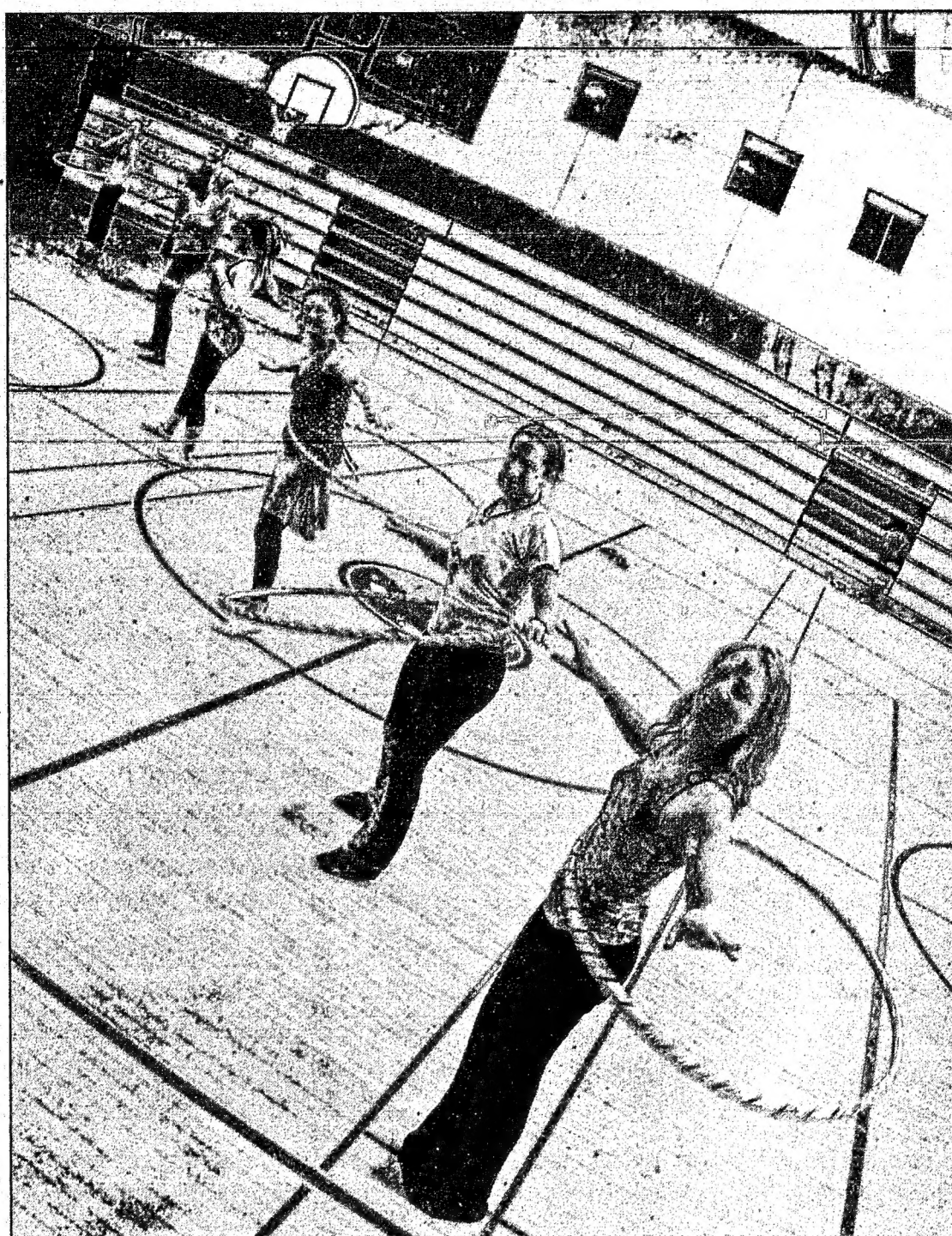
By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 7 was canceled due to the

lack of agenda items. Anyone getting ready for projects this spring and summer that need Planning Board approval should be preparing for them now.

To make a presentation to the Planning Board an appointment should be made at the Hanover Town Office 14 days prior to the meeting. The next scheduled



ANOTHER FORM OF "HOOPS" IN THE GYM "CosmoSis Hoops" offers a free hoops class for fitness and fun every Wednesday night in the Crescent Park Elementary School gym from 6:15-7:15 p.m. The class is for adults, but children are welcome. Dara Turgeon, Hayley Tanguay and Cathy Lane are the teachers. They have extra hoops to try for those who don't have one, and they also offer them for sale. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, at 6 p.m. For projects that do not require the Planning Board you need to be in contact with Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman.

The Hanover Selectmen are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. inside the Town Office.

Several weeks ago we wrote about plans to rebuild the Martin Memorial Bridge in Rumford Point. The Maine Department of Transportation will have a formal public meeting to discuss the bridge replacement on Tuesday, March 27, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be in the auditorium at the Rumford Town Hall at 145 Congress Street. People attending are asked to use the River Street entrance. The DOT is interested in local views, concerns and issues.

Irv Robinson is recovering at home following recent surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Jim Rector is looking forward to surgery. We wish him

the best of luck as he recovers. Rumford Grange 115 met last Saturday at the home of Vicki and Butch Clark on the Ellis River Road. The Grangers are looking forward to re-opening the Grange Hall at Rumford Center. They discussed summer programs including the dinners, displays for fairs, Citizen of the Year Award and local community service projects.

We notice less traffic on the roads except for out-of-state cars. Just now it is not a good idea to travel on Route 232. As anyone can plainly tell it is a ten-mile bump. The Department of Transportation is planning to resurface Route

232 the entire length this summer. Logging operations on the former John Morse estate are presently ongoing.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



What a beautiful day! People seemed to have come alive, as I got calls for news some good and some not so good. Oh well, spring is definitely on its way. Franklin Barton is tapping trees and says the sap has been running like crazy today.

Beth and Brett Barton celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary this week.

Little Frankie Barton from Lewiston, spent the weekend with his Nana and Papa Barton, (Dolly and James Barton). Andy Inman spent the weekend with his mother, Barb Inman.

David Bennett spent the weekend with me. We got a lot of chores done and had lots of fun playing scrabble and cribbage. Saturday night we had dinner with Chris and Elton Cole, Devon Mason Cole and Megan Cotter.

Tuesday, Norma Salway and Evelyn Kimball spent the day in Portland and Gorham and had lunch out. Saturday, Norma Salway went to an AAU basketball game in Saco in which her granddaughter, Kiaya Gatchell, played.

I am sad to report the death of my former neighbor and dear friend Gennieve Maillet who passed away on March 8 in Connecticut where she was living with her daughter. I was also saddened by the news that former Albany resident and friend Mary Keniston passed away on Sunday.

As I think about it there are very few Round Mountain Grange supper workers left. Makes me feel old, which I am but don't like to admit it.

Have a grand week everyone and enjoy the extra hours of sunlight.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Welcome spring! Spring is a miraculous experience of wonder and hope. The whole world around us seems to come alive

after the winter freeze. The world that appeared so dull and cold becomes awakened by a sudden time change just like clockwork it happens every year. Little did we know beneath the cold, hard ground the plants and trees were busy preparing for the spring rebirth. Spring is a time of renewable hope that life will live on through a constant circle of existence. This gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives. The spring air reassures us the warmer days are yet to come. The warm breath of spring whispers to the flowers and trees that it's time once again to sprout and blossom to share their brilliant colors and array their beauty. The animals are awakened by the thaw, hungry and anxious to start their new journey of survival partnering up and scraping for food that is delivered by nature. The birds sing their love songs as they dance in the sky. As the last snow melts the mud begins to be abundant, which in return slows the ground dwellers to a halt putting work on hold till the winds blow and dry up the ground, then work will resume for now its another Maine mud season! Winter was gentle and fairly easy to manage. We can only hope for a short mud season as well.

Let's take a look at my previous week: the kittens have arrived, five in total all tiger color. The mom has little to no milk so they depend on me to feed them, which I was not expecting at all. It's one thing to take in a stray accept her babies then have to feed them. What gives?

The weather has been so nice Morgan has enjoyed riding his horse just about every day since the warm weather.

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has arrived. The kids have gone for many walks with my mom and enjoy the time they share.

They have been cleaning up the sides of the roads collecting bottles and trash which excites them to be helping the earth in a small way. The kids are counting down till open water fishing; their favorite pastime as is mine as well.

The jelly beans have now entered our home as a sign Easter is on its way. I like to mix up the flavors a bit, so I mixed sweet with sour. That's my kinda being!

Emma had a school play Friday. The Woodstock school holds a Friday meeting most every Friday to give the kids a chance to be up on stage and shine. It's a great experience and a good outing for parents.

Morgan and his girlfriend attended another school dance.

It's so nice to see him interacting with kids his own age. Since he's home schooled he doesn't get that interaction as much.

I have picked up a new bad habit of watching TV. I'm currently addicted to the Voice and American Idol and Sweet Home Alabama. I'm not usually a TV kinda person but they are really good shows.

My condolences go out to Queda Billings and her family for their loss.

My thought for the week is: Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow is only a vision. But today, well-lived makes every tomorrow a vision of hope, live, laugh, love there for this day, for it is your life, the very life that was given to you.

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Happy March, who "Came in like a lamb." Brace yourself for the "Roaring out like a lion" bit inevitably coming at the end. In the meanwhile I chose to embrace the day, whatever the weather.

For those of you living in the North Newry Valley side of town, you may distinctly recall Monday morning dawning dark and quiet. The first thought running through my mind, ashamedly, was, "Hey, I paid CMP, didn't I?"

Upon visiting the neighbors, I was relieved to discover that I was not the only one left in the dark. Finding clothes to dress the already late for school kiddos was an adventure in and of itself, but we made it. On our way to school we came upon a large crew of CMP, Oxford Networks and various other (cable) crews hard at work right near Laura Lowell's jumping ring.

As we waited there for oncoming traffic to pass, our wandering eyes caught sight of the obvious culprit, two pieces of a snapped hardwood log, hmmm... They lay tossed up onto the dwindling snowbank. Massive power lines edged the road for such a long distance and there was even a top or two belonging to nearby "telephone" poles.

The kids and I were relieved to see no sign of anyone hurt. And before we had even made it to the Corner, we had been filled in by the locals as to the cause of such a mess. I love that about our small town, the prompt reporting, caring about the well being of your neighbors. We need more of it.

When Freeman came home from work Monday evening,



THE CULPRIT-This log, which originally rested atop a too-tall load on a logging truck, wreaked havoc through a stretch of Route 26 in Newry Monday morning as it caught and dragged/broke power lines from a dozen or so poles, before finally being pulled off and broken itself. The wires visible in the photo are replacements for those that were broken. See story in adjacent Newry column.

he had even more to tell me about the loss of power throughout town. He left for work very early that morning in order to deliver a few loads of pulp to the mill before the posted roads warmed up rendering them undrivable to heavy loads.

He got only as far as Mahosuc Mountain Guides, A.K.A. Polly and Kevin's, when he came across downed power lines. Driving just far enough to get cell reception Freeman called CMP. No sooner did he hang up from reporting those downed lines when he came to a standstill of flashing lights where the greatest of the damage was.

The road was closed and impassable while emergen-

cy crews scrambled to repair what a towering load of pulp had undone.

As it was told to me, a log truck, running early, as they do this time of year, had first got his lofty load snagged on a crossing power line up near us, as aforementioned. The truck then made it several miles down the road before snagging yet again.

The load became so entangled that once it grabbed into the lines, there was give by neither pulp nor power line, in effect, pulling the lines out from a great many poles before one of them finally gave way under the enormous strain, and snapped. Line too low or load too high...either way-oops, lights out! We regained pow-

er later on that day with the Newry Corner first on the list. Can you just imagine starting the day, no shower is bad enough, but not being able to pump gas or, "gasp," no coffee?

Spring has been set into motion and the evidence of such was gloriously discovered later that afternoon. Not sure of and not really caring when our power was restored I made my home after a few errands in town and was engulfed all at once, the moment I stepped out of my car. The air was sweet and fresh, and warm! Hooray!

Suddenly I was a kid again! Bills and phone calls were tossed aside and I happily stepped up into the soft, lush earth of my flowerbed. Using my fingers like a rake I began to ruffle up the compacted debris from the bed, as if it were a blanket composed of the renderings snow and ice and the trampling of many feet, both kid, and dog alike. To my great delight there were mounds of green life all around, laying dormant no more.

Some were tightly bundled while others were gently and bravely unfurled beneath the sparse, granular snow. Bright spires poking up from the ground were the Grape Hyacinths and Daffodils. Boldly bare were the Coral Bells, Wild Ginger and Campanula and at last, near the edges I spied the Pansies.

Hardy little suckers, all green and happy with themselves. The weather being as it is, I dare not leave them behind only to disappear for longer still under the weight of a potentially upcoming blizzard. So, I plucked one of the little buggers out of its bed to bring inside. Along with its long trailing limbs I spied one of the greatest wonders yet, a dainty purple bud just biding its time. No untold snow or

freezing temperatures will take this trophy of spring away from me.

So, here it sits, upon the window ledge, relaxing safely beyond the Lion's grip just waiting to smile.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Wild Weasel:

Sam finally, phoned me in Indiana early in March and told me we were to pick

up our F-105 aircraft in Sacramento in a few days, so I agreed to meet him with my flight gear. The biggest limitation we had was the limited space to store extra gear for our deployment. There was no baggage compartment on the Thud! They provided a baggage pod which hung on an outboard weapons station, but it was only about a foot in diameter and 6 or 7 feet long. It had a small door, and it was also used to store the safety pins and streamers that are used to secure the external fuel tanks, the landing gear and other "stuff" hung on the weapons stations while the aircraft was on the ground. These streamers and pins would be needed after we landed at airfields along the way. This left little room for personal items like uniforms, boots, navigation bags and a couple changes of civilian clothes for two people. Sam said we could put some clothes in garment bags, which could be stuffed around the ammo drum in the gun compartment near the nose of the aircraft. He said there was also some room in the radar dome in the nose of the aircraft where we could put soft clothing items (no shoes or boots), but this

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was frowned upon because it rendered the radar unusable in flight! But, as we would be accompanied by a tanker aircraft, we didn't need the radar for this trip anyway!

We met up with three other Weasel crews in a small briefing room where a senior civilian maintenance representative briefed us on the status of our aircraft. We also got maps and navigation materials we would need to get us across the Pacific and to Takhlil Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB), Thailand. We would meet with our tanker just off the coast of California and follow it to Hickam AFB, Hawaii where we would spend the night. The next day we would be flying an 8-hour leg from Hickam AFB to Anderson AFB, Guam. The day after that, we would fly to Takhlil. Sam and the other pilots knew the technical representative from Republic Aircraft Company, maker of the F-105s, so we all got updated on the latest company plans for improvements to the aircraft, problems and developments in the war.

Next morning we were up early for our preflight briefings and preflight inspections and loading our gear into the aircraft. It was obvious that Sam had done this many times before, and he had a knack for finding a place for everything. We were soon airborne as part of a flight of four and rendezvoused with our tanker. Plans called for us to keep our fuel tanks topped off so that we always had enough fuel to either make it back to McClellan AFB in Sacramento, or to Hickam AFB, Hawaii once past the midpoint of the route (some 2,400 miles of ocean between) in case something happened to our tanker or we had a refueling malfunction. This meant 3 refuelings, one about 30 minutes before reaching the midpoint, one at the midpoint, and the third about 30 minutes later. After the third refueling, we were released to leave the tanker and proceed to Hickam as a four-ship Thud formation.

Another limitation of Thud traveling soon became obvious, the lack of restroom facilities! We were strapped into ejection seats, surrounded by instruments and circuit breakers on both sides and in front of us and with little shoulder room on either side. Our only "facility" was a urine bottle strapped to the panel to the left of the seat. The bottle held perhaps

a quart of liquid and sported a small funnel like appendage at the top. Once the bottle and the funnel were full, the only option was to cross your legs for the rest of the trip.

Navigation was relatively simple, as long as our Doppler navigation device was working. There were no GPS devices in 1967. The Doppler nav system sent out radar signals to both sides and to the front of the aircraft; it then measured the rate of changes in the frequency of the returning signals to determine how fast and in what direction the aircraft was moving over the earth. You could dial in the latitude and longitude of your destination (or your next check point) and the system gave you the heading and distance to that point. These were presented as an arrow and an "odometer" reading on the instrument screen. Once you came within about 200 miles of the destination, the tactical air navigation system (TACAN) could pick up the signals from Hickam AFB or other TACAN stations, and you could update the Doppler system. We found out that in combat situations, high "g" turns, rolls and inverted flight tended to confuse the Doppler system and introduce sometimes gross inaccuracies! But we made it to Hickam AFB uneventfully.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning to our readers a great sunny day very windy with temps of 33 degrees, but I will

take all the great sunny days ahead, not a bad winter but a long one and I am so ready for spring.

Ginger Mae Dyer passed away on March 3. Ginger was well known here in our area for her performances at the church in Paris, and at the Grange Hall shows in Bryant Pond. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers to her sons, Danny, Darryl, Donald, and JR.

Condolences are also going out to the families of Beatrice McCarthy, Larry W. Linnell, Scott C. Billings, and Nina Lippincott Grover. Love and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved one.

We enjoyed a nice afternoon with our son Craig, grandson T.C. and Michelle Wednesday afternoon. We gathered at Yi-



LOCAL SKIER IN TOP FIVE AT COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS-Caitlin Forbes of Hanover, a Gould Academy graduate, placed fifth overall in alpine at the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association's National Championship, held last week at Sunday River Ski Resort. Forbes, sking for St. Anselm's College, finished eighth in both the slalom and giant slalom races. Her fifth-overall finish earned her a spot on the USCSA First Team All-American team. She was also named to the All-American Academic Team for her classroom performance. Forbes, a junior, is captain of the St. Anselm's girls' squad. Here, she nears the end of her second run in Friday's slalom race.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

anni's in town for lunch and time together. It was a great afternoon.

A Country Music Sunday afternoon will be held at the Naples Legion Post 155 (Route 11 from Mechanic Falls, Maine) on Sunday, March 18, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. There will be raffles, 50/50 drawing, door prizes. The Legion kitchen will be open serving up your favorite foods, snacks and beverages. FMI—Sharon 655-3471.

Yogi is in the kitchen this morning baking off some of his famous breakfast muffins. Mmm! Yummy smells and looking forward to enjoying a hot one right out of the oven with some homemade dairy butter on top.

Happy birthday to Joyce Hathaway on this special day wishing her a great day.

Others celebrating March birthdays are Betsey Foster, Albert Conant, Warren Libby, Sheila Daye, Melissa Hilligoss, Kathy Bartlett, Amanda Corrievau. Birthday wishes to each of you!

Lots of luck for those in Tennessee for National Country Music competition's. Bring home lots of awards you are all great competitors.

Coyotes have been crossing the back field about every day. Hope they do not come any

closer to the house.

We drove to Corinna on Monday to visit with Ginger's family and to attend the wake for Ginger Mae in Newport that evening. We also visited with our family in Corinna earlier in the day. It was an awesome day for a trip, sunny skies, warm and not much traffic. A bright moonlit sky for our journey back home that night.

That's all from the valley this week.

Quote of the week: "Love is what carries you, for it is always there, even in the dark, or most in the dark, but shining out at times like gold stitches in a piece of embroidery."

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



What beautiful spring-like weather we have had. Will we get another snowstorm before it all ends? Check

here in a few weeks to find out. It has been such a mild winter, that I can't help but think we will have at least one more snow before it all ends.

By the time you read this Mi-sha will have returned to Wa-

terford. Welcome back!

Next week, the 22nd is grandson David III's birthday. Happy Birthday David.

Missed Sadie's Birthday. Happy Belated Birthday Sadie. And Happy Birthday Justin. Wherever you are.

Happy Birthday Polly. I missed putting it in last week for this week's birthday.

Sunday, the 18th, is the Rotary Club's All You Can Eat Breakfast, always a wonderful event. It is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at Gould's Ordway Dining Hall.

Thursday, the 15th, ACA meets at Waterford Library from 10 to 11 a.m. New members welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

Mountain Poets met last Sunday and had a very productive meeting/reading. We planned the Poets on the Porch event for this summer. Instead of Saturday we will be reading at the library on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Interested readers should let the group know in advance. FMI call 739-9115 or 743-9808.

Thursday, the 15th, there is a public supper at Wilkins House in Waterford. It is potluck. Come and meet your neighbors and have a great supper. Drinks and rolls will be available. FMI call 583-6677.

That will be all for this week. Thanks Alison and Polly for getting my columns in last week. Have a great week and bask in the warmth. We deserve it.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Sympathy is extended to the family of Scott Billings.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Hoyt McKenna.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship service at 10:30, evening service at 6, prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30. Next youth event is Saturday, March 17 at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 25 instead of the usual 6 p.m. service, the van will be leaving the church at 2 p.m. for a 4 p.m. service at Church Hill Baptist Church in Augusta, New England Ladies Conference is April 13 and 14 at Victory Baptist Church in Londonderry, N.H. See Paula Jones if you are interested in attending. The week of April 22 through 25 is

revival services with Dr. Ron Caudill.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, March 25, for a regular meeting at the Hall. Cooking contest this year is apple turnovers. Bring them to this meeting, three on a plate. Remember this is a day meeting at 10 a.m. with a potluck dinner following.

Town Meeting will be the last Monday in March.

Woodstock Extension will meet at the Town Conference Room on Wednesday, March 21, at 1 p.m. to make Easter favors, also a tasting party.

Larry Billings said he received another letter from President Obama.

Call me with your news at 665-2460.

BHS presents: Maine women in Civil War

On Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m., author Lynda Sudlow will present a free program at the Telstar High School Library (Route 26, south of Bethel Hill village) on the subject of her well-received book, "A Vast Army of Women: Maine's Uncounted Forces in the American Civil War."

This "Women's History Month" program is co-sponsored by the SAD 44 Continuing Education Office, Western Mountains Senior College and the Bethel Historical Society.

The effects of the Civil War were felt at numerous levels in every community, but frequently the impacts on the lives of women get lost in the shuffle of historical storytelling.

Having spent almost a decade gathering the names of virtually every Maine woman involved in the War, Ms. Sudlow will talk about the variety of roles played by women from Maine and their organizations during this major conflict.

As one reviewer has noted, "The description of women-run relief associations in her book is a revealing model for how women from all states endeavored to support the war effort." Copies of "A Vast Army of Women" will be available for sale and for signing that afternoon, and members of the Bethel Historical Society will receive their usual 10 percent discount.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corrievau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy

Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly

Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride. **Trinity Lutheran**

Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m. **North Paris Federation** - Morse Hill Road, North Paris: Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. **Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway** - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828. **GORHAM, N.H.**

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Leiven. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. **Our Lady of Ransom**: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sandra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June. **West Paris Baptist** - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth - 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854. **Mission Congregational Church** - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. **Woodstock Seventh day Adventist** - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Ski Esta scholarship offered

The owners of the Ski Esta house in Newry have set up an annual scholarship fund that will award a minimum of two \$1,000 scholarships to area residents who fit into one of the following categories: 1) high school senior that has been accepted and is committed to attending college or pursuing a formal higher education degree; 2) an area resident who is interested in attending the Eddy School in Newry and is identified by them as a needs based student; and 3) any adult who is enrolled in continuing education or change of career training (e.g., training to become a plumber, electrician, or courses to further expertise in a trade).

The application process is a letter describing the way the funds will be used and discussing why the applicant believes he/she is the best candidate for the scholarship money. In the case of student applicants, inquiry may be made regarding the GPA or scholastic aptitude of the student before making a final decision. Priority will be given to residents of Newry, although anyone in the Sunday River Area may apply.

Letters should be sent to The Owners, Ski Esta, 343 E. Hillendale Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. The deadline for receiving the application is April 15 of each calendar year. Scholarship winners will be announced at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner, held in May of every year. Funds will be paid once proof of enrollment is provided.

Democrats to meet

There will be a meeting of the Oxford County Democrats at the Crescent Park School on Crescent Lane in Bethel on Sunday, March 18,

at 4 p.m. The meeting agenda will consist of a validation of the caucus results from Feb. 26, updates from candidates, a report from platform committee representatives, filling vacancies for convention delegates, and planning for the campaign season. The meeting is open to Democrats and those interested in electing Democrats.

The meeting will include a social time for candidates to meet and greet, and those attending may bring refreshments to share. There will also be a collection of non-perishable items for a local food pantry.

Many of the Democratic candidates for legislature in Oxford County are running as Maine Clean Election candidates. They need to collect \$5 contributions by April 20 to qualify, and it is possible to contribute to this effort online by visiting the Maine Ethics Commission website www.cleanelections.me/.

Information about the Oxford County Democrats is available on the Facebook page, Oxford County ME Democrats and at www.oxforddems.org

Prime Time Ski Club

2011-12. The Winter That Wasn't. The combination of mild temperatures along with a nearly complete lack of snowfall conspired against both Primetime skiers and all New England ski areas this winter. Sunday River has done a wonderful job of fighting off the effects, but with forecast high temps nearing or over 50, we're not sure how much longer the mountain can stay on "snow life support." The skiing continues to be good, especially in the earlier hours before the high sun and temps have their undesirable impacts.

If you are reading this as a non-skier, this is the best time to come out and try skiing. It's a great time to rent some skis, take a lesson and get a sweet package deal from the mountain. Warmer weather is more comfortable to learn, plus the

snow is a little slower and less scary. Contact our friends at Sunday River and maybe by this time next year you'll be saying "we want more snow!"

Primetime has begun our inevitable mid-March winding down process. We have a trip to Wildcat scheduled for today (Thursday) and our last event of the year, our Season Ending Dinner is planned for next Thursday at the Phoenix. There will be many more ski days and ad hoc dinners, parties, and lunches still before most members head home for the long off-season.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects. Info at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

New Bethel Performing Arts project

Bethel Performing Arts Project's (BPAP) co-founders Ross Timberlake and Lynn Arizzi are pleased to announce plans for the 2012 season. They have begun work on a dinner theater production with the Bethel Inn and hope to present another afternoon of Porch Plays later in the summer. Details of the Mystery Dinner Theater production featuring the return of the Bethel Community Players will be revealed soon.

Timberlake said, "BPAP was started four years ago as an opportunity to revitalize our downtown by using the performing arts to draw residents and visitors to our stores, cafes, churches and inns." He added that "BPAP has a strong interest in supporting and enhancing our community's businesses and creative well being."

BPAP was launched in the fall of 2008 with a dinner theater production, "The Legend of Lefty," a comedy held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center in cooperation with the Bethel Inn. This was followed

by the "Local Holiday Shop-Around," which took place in the form of a moving block party on Main Street showcasing local performing artists. A second dinner theater, "Good Help is So Hard to Murder," by Pat Cook, was held at The Victoria Inn in the spring of 2009. Also that year marked the inauguration of original porch plays by Timberlake. The first play, "When the Parade Came by Our House Every Year About This Time, We Would Gather on the Porch," was held in partnership with the Bethel Historical Society's Sudbury-Canada Days. Timberlake wrote a second porch play, "Painting the Porch," which was presented in partnership with the Bethel Art Fair and Mahoosuc Arts Council in 2010.

These events were successful thanks to the support of the business community and local citizens.

Timberlake said he and Arizzi are looking forward to an exciting year of theater in Bethel. They hope to involve and support local businesses in their efforts. For more information on how businesses can be involved, contact Timberlake at 824-6545 or e-mail him at ross@sttimberlake.com

Bethel Library contributors thanked

The 2011-2012 Annual Giving Campaign for the Bethel Library is well underway. To date the library has received 130 gifts from individuals and businesses for a total of \$9,870 toward the goal of \$12,000. Today's tough economic times mean that the library is even more dependent on the generosity of donors. The money raised will help fund the collections, programs, services, and the general operation of the library. Donations to the library's annual fund can be sent to: Bethel Library, P.O. Box 130 Bethel, ME 04217. The trustees would like to thank the following for their generous contributions: Bethel Kitchen Designs in memory of Matthew Collins; Brooks

Brothers, Inc.; Maine Line Products; River View Resort; Pat's Pizza in memory of Al Abbott and John Wegge; Bethel Shop & Save in memory of Jim Lowe; Western Maine Supply; The Bethel Citizen; Briar Lea Inn; Mahoosuc Realty; Norway Savings Bank; Bethel Animal Hospital; Oxford Networks; Chapman Inn; W.J. Wheeler & Co. Inc.

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Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Wednesdays thru April 4

4 to 6 p.m. - **School Gardening 101**, A Garden Primer, sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. No charge. Pre-registration required: call Extension office (743-6329) or e-mail Lesley Quick at lesley.quick@maine.edu

Thursdays thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

Thursday, March 15

12 to 4 p.m. - **Training for New Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice Home** - Visiting, Grocery Shopping, Transportation will be held at Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 795-9480 or (800) 482-7412 Ext. 1280.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Learning About Reiki and Self-Care** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street), Norway. Learn relaxing and balancing practice of Reiki. Free. Registration required. FMI/registration: 744-6196.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Arts Council hosts Business After Hours** with Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Live music on stage, theater tours of the auditorium, refreshments, ARTtrondack Chair previews and Mountain Arts Guide Ad Contest: "So you think you know the arts in Western Maine?" FMI: 824-3575, www.mahoosuc.org or info@mahoosucarts.org

7 p.m. - **SWOAM meeting**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Focus: landowner issues with hunters, ATVs and snowmobiles and possible solutions. Free and open to public. FMI: Merk (627-4102).

Friday, March 16

5 p.m. - **Friday Fish Fry** at Holy Savior (St. A & St. J) Parish Hall, 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford. Cost: Adults \$9/kids under 10 \$6/3 and under free. Takeout available. Advance tickets: Holy Savior School, Hair Design, Dupuis Auto and Oxford Lanes. FMI: 364-2528.

6 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party**, Town & Country Inn, Gorham, N.H. Tickets: \$25 pp or \$200 table of 8 available at (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin.

March 16, 23, 30

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Salmon Pie Luncheon**, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Rumford. Donations: \$8. FMI: Nancy Noppa 824-2160.

Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Lunch Series**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited. Soup lunch will be followed by a time of reflection. Theme: "Songs of Faith." In lieu of payment for lunch, participants asked to make donation to the Bethel Food Pantry. For further information call church office, 824-2689 or Rev. Ginger Rickeman, 824-0550.

Saturday, March 17

9 to 12 a.m. - **Bake Sale**, Bethel Foodliner by Albany Congregational Church with proceeds for Scholarship Fund. FMI: Jackie Gammon 665-2021.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Flea Market and Bake Sale**, Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antiques, furniture, FMI or table rental: call Linda Libby 925-3661.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Upton Ladies Aid First Annual Krystal Carnival**, Upton Schoolhouse. Concessions Upton Ladies Aid Building. Tickets: \$1 for five/\$10 for 15. FMI: 346-1662.

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **St. Patrick Supper/Dance**, Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris with Music by Jones Band. Cost: Supper only 5 to 6 p.m. (corned beef with fixings) \$7; Dance 6:30 to 9:30 \$5.

7 p.m. - **Mad Science - The Radical Reactions Chemistry Show**, a Black Diamond Family Entertainment presentation at North/South Ballroom, Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Adults (13 and over) \$6 advance/\$8 door, 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door, children 5 and under free. FMI: (800) 543-2754, e-mail info@sundayriver.com or visit www.sundayriver.com.

Saturdays, March 17, April 21

9 to 12 a.m. - **Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund.

Saturdays, March 17 thru April 28

1 to 3 p.m. - **Finnish Language Course** for beginners at Western Maine University College Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. Cost: \$139. FMI: Nikki Abbott (743-9322).

Sunday, March 18

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** served by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$8 adults and \$3 for 12 and younger; advance \$7 from Club members, River View Resort, Rostay Inn, Dream Realty and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit Club's community projects and scholarships.

9 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Winter Outings** Rumford Whitecap Hike, 3 to 4 hours; snow shoes, poles, water, snacks recommended. Meet parking lot trail head on East Andover Road, Rumford. Hot refreshments on return to bottom. FMI/ reschedule: 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org.

4 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats meeting**, Crescent Park School, Bethel. FMI: County Chair Cathy Newell 875-2116.

Tuesdays, March 20, 27 and April 3

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Beyond Backyard Gardening - Growing Produce for Profit** classes at Cooperative Extension office, South Paris. Cost for 3 sessions: \$15. Pre-registration required (743-6329 or (800) 287-1482 or e-mail Lesley.quick@maine.edu.

Wednesday, March 21

6 to 7 p.m. - **Diabetes Support Group** meeting at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, Norway.

4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Lecture Series** presents Steve Palmer of Plainview Farm, Yarmouth, introduces his favorite hosta varieties and care. Free. Open to public. FMI: 743-8820.

6:30 to 8 p.m. - **Helping Children Cope with Crisis** at Boardroom, Stephens Memorial Hospital (181 Main Street), Norway. Free. Registration required. FMI/registration: 744-6296.

Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **American Cancer Society Daffodils Days Campaign** in Bethel at Bethel Foodliner. Volunteers will sell bouquets of daffodils both days: \$10 for 10 daffodils. FMI: Caroline Gould 824-3226.

Saturday, March 24

27th Annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon (now Maine Adaptive Sports) at Sunday River Ski Resort.

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo**, Bethel Inn Conference Center, sponsored by Mollycoddett Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Upper Andro Anglers Alliance. Admission: \$5 adults/free 15 and under. FMI: www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com or call 824-3694 or e-mail questions to fish@upperandro.com.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Friends of Soccer Bottle Drive**, SAD 44 Bus Garage and Wheeler's Redemption Center, Bethel, Woodstock Elementary School, and Andover (call for location). Pro-

ceeds benefit all soccer programs in SAD 44 area. FMI and pickup: 890-5441.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Ham and Baked Bean Public Supper**, Bethel Masonic Lodge, Chapman Street. Cost: \$8 adults; \$4 children 5-12; 5 and under free. FMI: Brent Angevine (557-2082) or Todd Davis (824-8282).

Sunday, March 25

Community Ski Day for SAD 44 residents, Sunday River Ski Resort. Ski and rent equipment free. Also, participate for free in Adult Learn to Ski/Ride Clinics (ages 15-plus). Pre-registration required. 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

10 a.m. - **22nd Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race** starts at Sunday River Ski Resort White Cap Base Lodge. Event is a fundraiser for Maine Handicapped Skiing.

AWANA Alumni Grand Prix, Pleasant Valley Bible Church, 407 Flat Road, West Bethel. Get your kit, build your car: Sparks first, Leaders and Alumni race together after on March 25 at 5:30 p.m. Call 836-2828 or 824-2037 to register and arrange to pick up kit (\$3). Pit Night March 16 at 5 p.m.

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center Performing Arts Series** presents world-champion fiddler Richard Wood with Gordon Belcher. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.

Monday, March 26

11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive/Bone Marrow Drive** at AVH Lecture Room, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, 56 Page Hill Road, Berlin, N.H. FMI/Appointment: (603) 326-5606 or (603) 326-5607.

7 p.m. - **Woodstock Town Meeting** at Woodstock Elementary School.

Tuesday, March 27

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Ticks and Lyme Disease in Maine**, Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street), Norway. Free. Pre-registration required: (866) 609-5183.

Tuesdays, March 27-May 1

1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Living Well for a Better Health** at Boardroom, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Cost: \$10 per person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/Registration: (866) 609-5183.

Wednesday, March 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 824-2289 for details.

Thursday, March 29

6 to 6:45 p.m. - **Public Hearing** by Cooperative Board of Region 9 School of Applied Technology proposed budget FY 2013 at Telstar High School Lecture Hall. Another public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Region 9 Cafeteria, Mexico. All Region 9 citizens encouraged to attend.

Saturday, March 31

9:30 a.m. - **Trout Sale/Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop**, Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, 17 Olson Road, South Paris. Pre-registration preferred. Fee: \$5 per workshop. Application and trout order form, OCSWCD, e-mail jean.federico@me.nacdn.net, or call 743-5789 Ext. 111, or online www.oxfordswcd.net.

7 p.m. - **Gilead Town Meeting** at Town Hall.

Tuesday, April 3

7 p.m. - **The Cordis Quartet**, presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council as part of Gould Performing Arts Series at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$15 adults/\$10 seniors, 65 and older/\$5 for under 12. The group performs at Telstar Regional High and Middle schools and for home-schooled and district charter school students on April 4. FMI: 824-3575 or info@mahoosucarts.org.

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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

MKA elementary sites are so fortunate to have staff from the Bryant Pond 4-H camp come and present a 6 week outdoor education program at all our schools including Andover! The students just love learning about animals - habitat, tracking, and especially cooking marshmallows on an outdoor campsite!

At CPS we are pleased to announce that our after-school drama program will present "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" on Friday, April 6th at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Betsy Raymond and Megan Kelly are co-directing this wonderfully talented group of 4th and 5th graders.

Eric Boyle-Wight is coaching our Spring Lego team - the Lego Track meet will be in late April at the Auburn Middle School. This group of students are 5-8 grades and we still have room for a few more students who are interested in Lego League.

Summer Programming is well underway - information should be available including the summer brochure by the end of April vacation! Happy Spring!

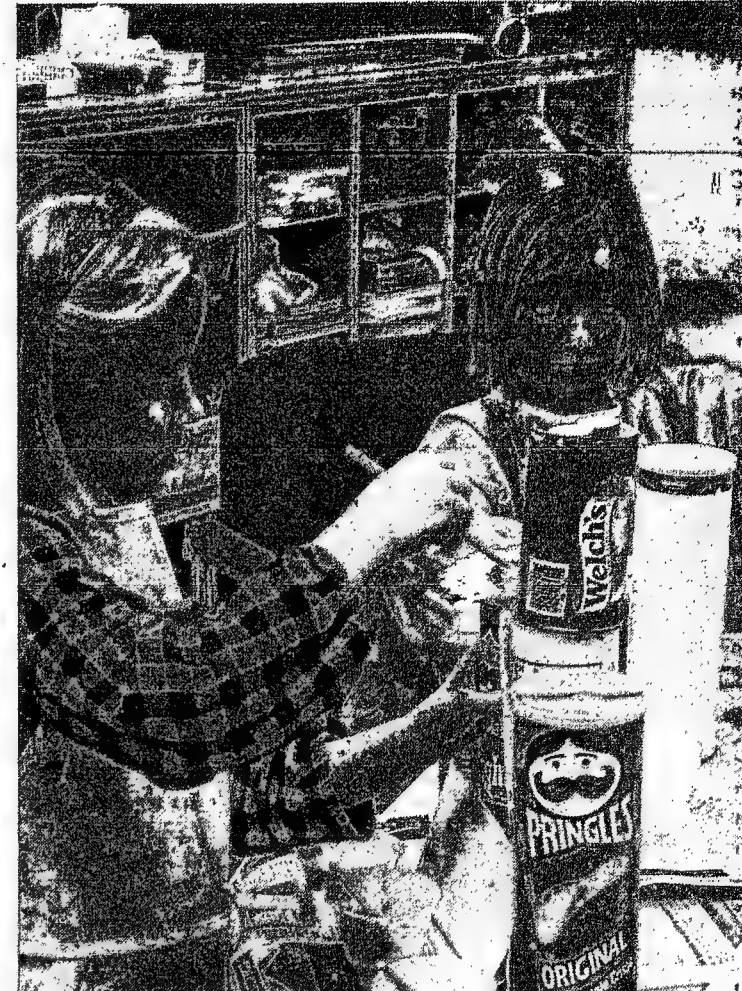
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Wyatt, Max, Emma, Ella, Keira, and Karen toast marshmallows during a lesson taught by Brian Lenberg from the 4-H Camp and Learning Center.



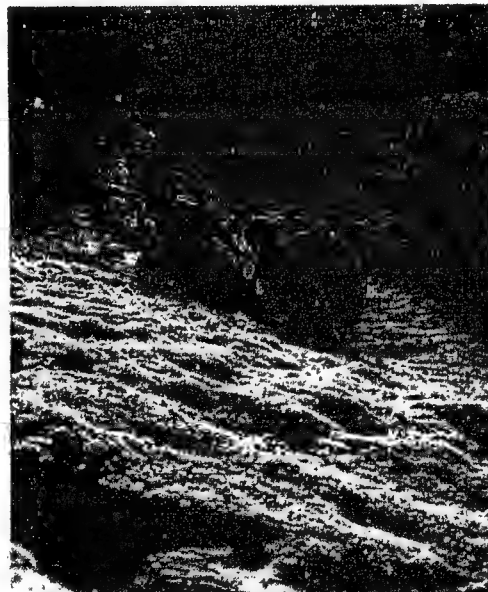
Colby Hastings and Lily Schofield examine a beaver pelt.



Olivia Seames and Lily Schofield work on their "recycle" craft.



Brian Lenberg from the 4-H Camp and Learning Center teaches Max, Ella, Emma, and Racheal about animals and their adaptations.



Austin Westliegh, Mario DeVivo climbing the hill on a beautiful sunny afternoon.



Max Kruse shows off his castle made from recycled materials.



Isaiah Connolly What is that face? It's sunny!



Staff members Kayla Cole and Brittany Field having snack with the kids and playing a rousing game of headbanz.



Quinn And Riley Jerome Creating a castle out of recycle craft



TMS students working on fuse beads.



Eric Plawlock is building a Vex-Bot during Tech Wizards.

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by Helene Hovanec

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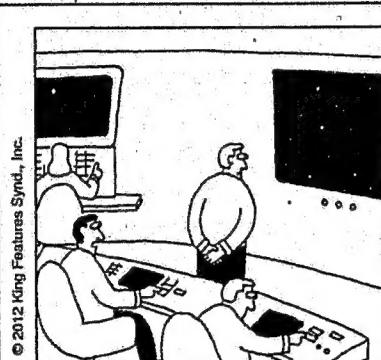
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U P U I F D B S ? " D B O J H J W F

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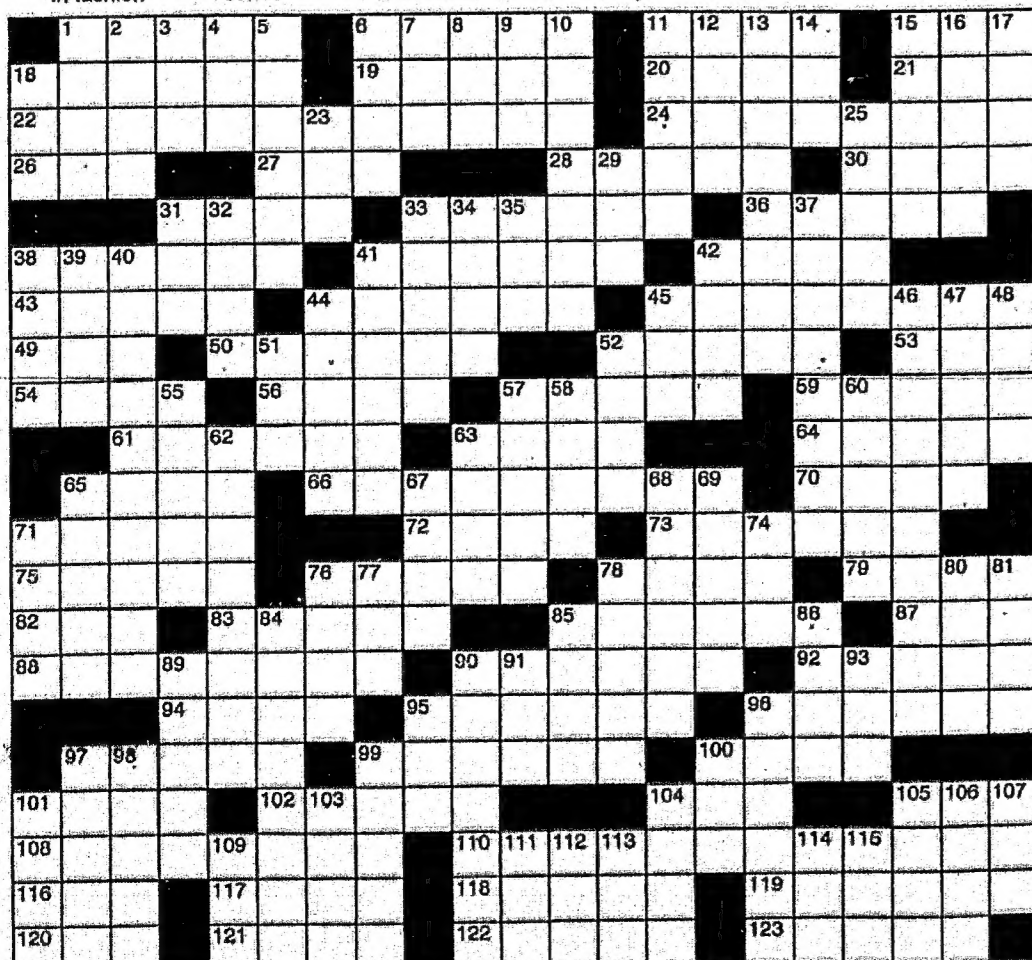
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| ACROSS | 52 Diva
Leontyne | 90 Country
gentleman | 3 Cubic
meas. | 39 Jubilee | 81 Tidy |
| 1 Auctioneer's
item | 53 "— been
had!" | 92 — cotta | 40 Irish actor? | 41 Bite for
Bonzo | 84 Extended
metaphor |
| 6 Column
style | 54 Baseball's
Bucky | 94 Bruins' sch. | 4 Phillips of
"UHF" | 5 Saga | 85 College
courtyard |
| 11 Tiff | 56 Evangelist
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wife | 42 Freightier or
ferry | 86 Amaze |
| 15 Wallace or
Ayres | 57 Sag | 98 Castle
feature | 7 Planet, for
one | 44 Pool shot | 89 Terra
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| 18 Revenue | 59 Bottled
spirits? | 97 Greek
island | 8 McGwire
stat | 45 — Magnon | 90 Multiplied
2 X 2 |
| 19 Ann —, MI | 61 Box | 99 Celtic
cultists | 9 Noun suffix | 46 Irish
musician? | 91 On the —
vive |
| 20 Well-
ventilated | 63 Kind of
carpet | 100 Sociable
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health
resort | 93 Significant
years |
| 21 Have bills | 64 Fit for a
king | 101 Bluenose | 11 Bar food? | 48 — Patrick
Harris | 95 Directional
suffix |
| 22 Irish
mobster? | 65 Easy stride | 102 Actress
Davis | 12 Wharf | 51 Torrid | 96 Industrialist |
| 24 Irish
singer? | 66 Irish
explorer? | 104 Rainbow
shape | 13 Like | 52 Kelly's
possum | 97 — oil |
| 26 Fluffy
female | 70 "East of
Eden" | 105 Scholastic
abbr. | 14 Cobb and
Hardin | 55 Candle | 98 Unbending |
| 27 — contact | 71 Dancer | 108 Irish
composer? | 15 True-blue | 57 Delhi wrap | 99 Crusoe's
creator |
| 28 Frighten | 72 They may
be wild | 110 Irish
boxer? | 16 Tom of
"Adam's
Rib" | 58 Shoots the
brezza | 100 "The A-
Team" actor |
| 30 Corduroy
ridge | 73 Porphy's pal | 116 Infamous
Amin | 17 "You — on
My Mind" | 60 A la King? | 101 Skier Mahre |
| 31 Sean of
"Colors" | 75 Turn inside
out | 117 Chip off
Woody's
block | 18 Complete
the cake | 62 Curb | 103 Architectural
features |
| 33 Covered
thickly | 76 Cremona
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lover |
| 35 In any way | 78 Clarinetist
Arlie | 119 Ill-tempered
Rock's — | 25 Oscar or
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follower? | 83 Less
available | 122 Impres-
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Ambler | 68 City in
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double!" | DOWN | 34 Turgenev's
birthplace | 71 Dickens
villain | 111 Marsh |
| 45 Home
wreckers? | 88 Alty Walker
series | 1 Tackle a
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LeShan |
| 49 "Make —
double!" | | 2 Lot size | 37 Wires | 76 — code | 113 Author
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in fashion | | | 38 Fired up | 77 Sea, to
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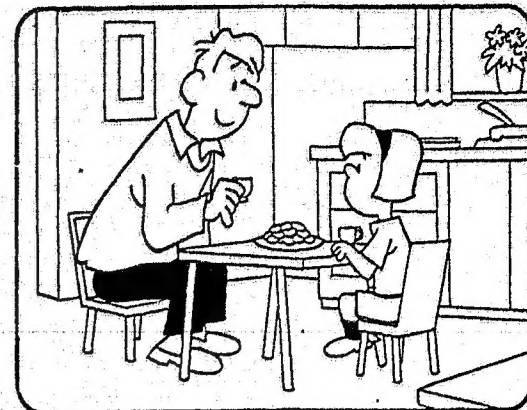
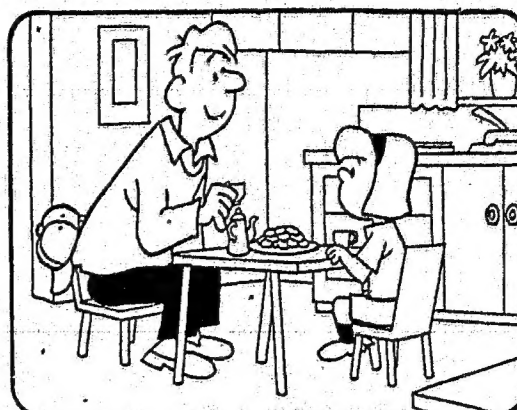


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
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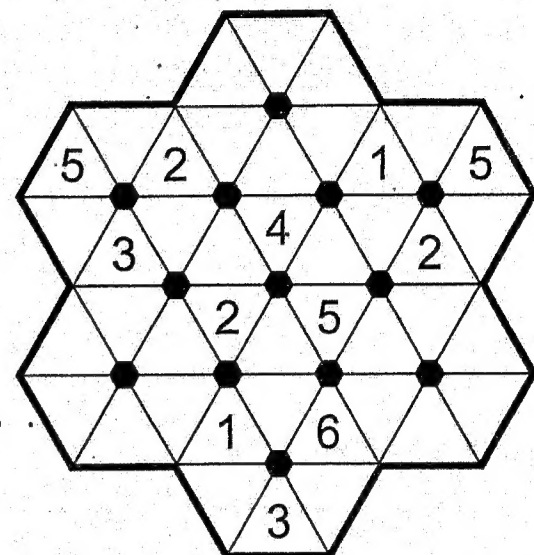
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

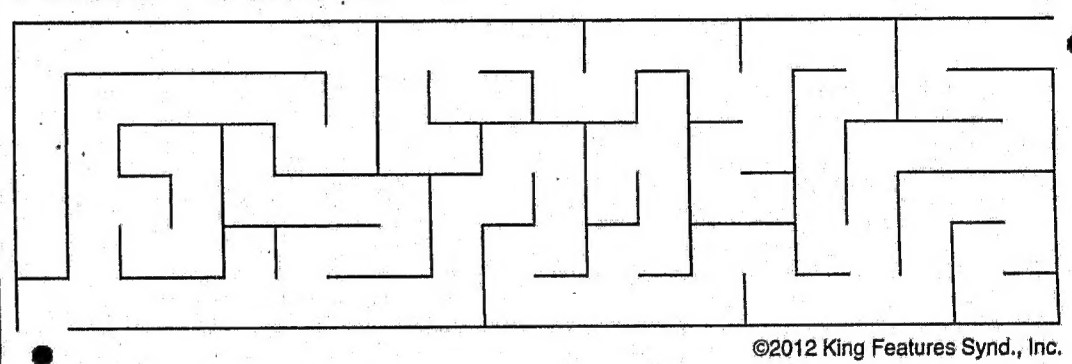


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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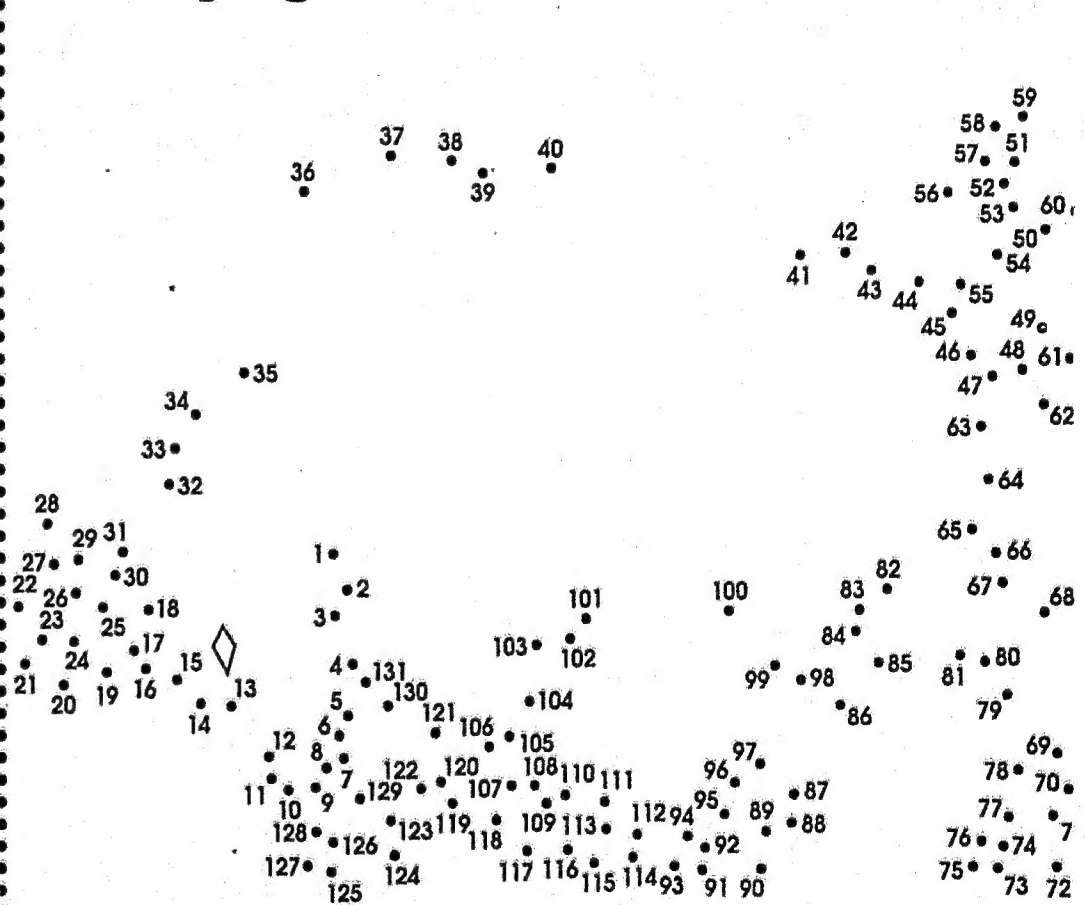
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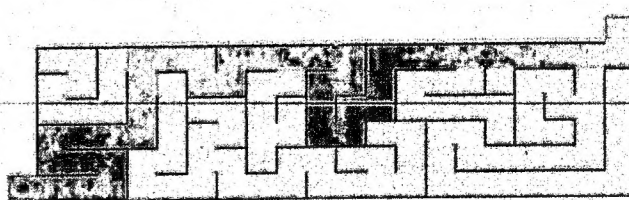
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Connect Dots:
1-131



By David Kalvitis

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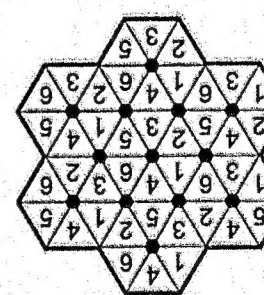
"Can I give you a lift?"

What did the Jack say

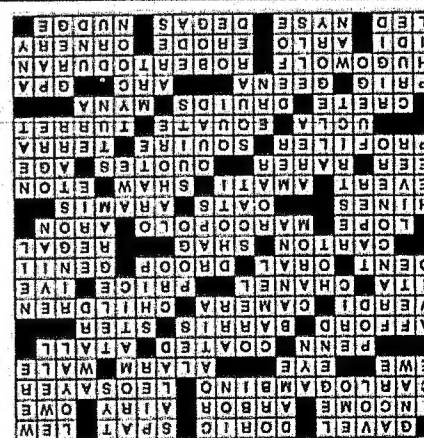
to the car?

Answer

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SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword

Answers

Today's Word: Screensaver

1. Reveal 2. Refuse 3. Careen 4. Raise

Scramblers:

ANSWERS:

M
A
R

1
5

2
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Property Description: Property situated generally at 151 Main Street and 8 Clark Street, both in Bethel, Maine, and more particularly described as follows:

"Parcel One: A certain lot or parcel of land situated in Bethel, aforesaid, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly side of Main Street in said Bethel, at the southwesterly corner of land formerly of Charles Clayton Bane and Elizabeth L. Bane, later owned by Norman I. Greig and June B. Greig; thence southerly by Main Street a distance of about sixty-eight (68) feet to its intersection with the northerly line of Clark Street, so-called; thence easterly by Clark Street a distance of about one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Lapham, earlier of one Leach; thence running northerly by land now or formerly of said Lapham, about seventy-four (74) feet to a stake and stones on the southerly line of land of said Greig; thence westerly by land of said Greig, a distance of about one hundred and sixty-eight (168) feet to the bound begun at. Parcel Two: Also a parcel of land situated in said Bethel and being the easterly or rear portion of the larger tract conveyed by Charles Clayton Bane and Elizabeth L. Bane to Norman I. Greig and June B. Greig by deed dated February 7, 1962 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 614, Page 98 and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly line of land above referred to such point of beginning being located one hundred forty (140) feet easterly, measured along said line from the easterly line of Main Street; thence running northerly at right angles to line of said Sudbury Inn property to the southerly line of land formerly of Hiram H. Bean, later occupied by Harry Lyon; thence easterly by land formerly of said Bean, later occupied by Lyon, to the westerly line of land formerly of Morgan; thence southerly by land formerly of said Morgan to line of land now or formerly of one Lapham, earlier of one Leach; thence westerly by land now or formerly of said Lapham to the northeasterly corner of the above described parcel of land, and on the westerly by northerly line of said Sudbury Inn property, a distance of about twenty-eight (28) feet to the bound begun at. Parcel Three: A certain lot or parcel of land being triangular in shape, and being the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust on the northerly side of Clark Street in said Bethel and being more particularly located and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust and which is located on the easterly extension of the southerly line of land of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greig and one hundred sixty-eight (168) feet, more or less, easterly along said line from the easterly bounds of Main Street; thence easterly along said extension of the Greigs' southerly line for a distance of thirty-two (32) feet to a point; thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of other land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust for a distance of forty-one (41) feet to a point on the westerly line of land now or formerly of said M & D Realty Trust; thence northerly along the westerly line of land now or formerly of M & D Realty Trust for a distance of twenty-one (21) feet to the point of beginning. Parcel Four: A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Bethel and bounded and described as follows: Northerly by land now or formerly of Norman and June Greig; easterly by land formerly of Gary Morgan; southerly by Clark Street; and westerly by land occupied by the Sudbury Inn being Parcel One above. Parcel Five: A certain lot or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Clark Street and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner on the assumed easterly edge of the right of way of said Clark Street at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of one Morgan now of Frances M. Clark; thence in a northerly direction for a distance of seventy-eight (78) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner on line of land now of one Clark; thence in a westerly direction along line of land now or formerly of one Greig for a distance of sixteen (16) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground as a corner; thence in a southerly direction and parallel to the first mentioned bound herein and along the line of land of Clymer for a distance of seventy-eight (78) feet more or less to an iron pipe set in the ground at the assumed edge of the right of way of the aforesaid Clark Street; thence in an easterly direction along said edge of said Clark Street for a distance of sixteen (16) feet more or less to the iron pipe set in the ground at the point of beginning."

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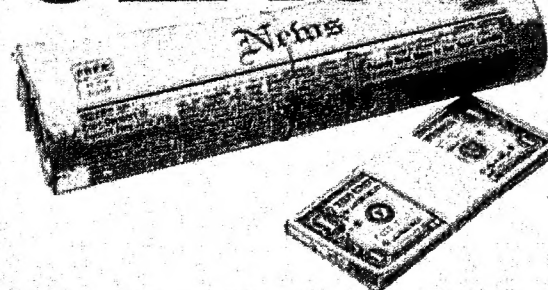
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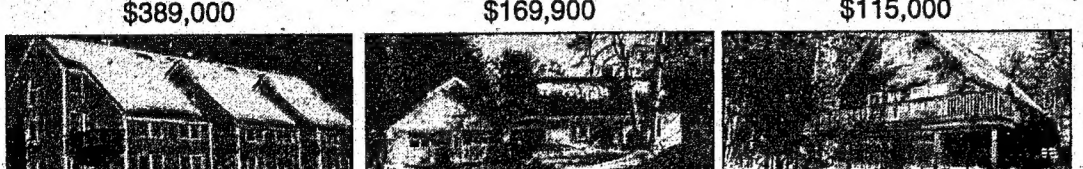
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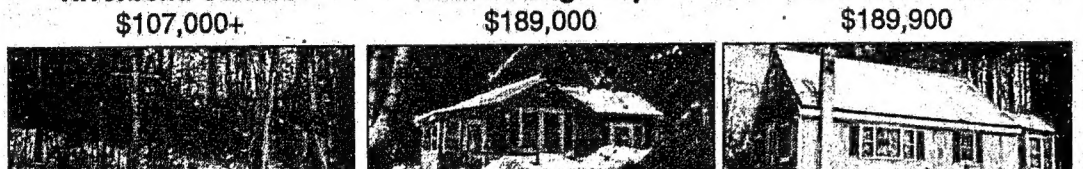
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SHIRLEY MAE McKENNA

Shirley Mae (Hoyt) McKenna, 74, of Rumford passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side Thursday, March 8, 2012 at her home in Rumford.

She was born Oct. 29, 1937 in Rumford, the daughter of Wayland F. Hoyt and Flora E. McDonald Hoyt. She attended Rumford schools. On July 27, 1963 she married the love of her life, Charles Lloyd McKenna from Prince Edward Island at St. Athanasius-St. John Church.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. Not only was she a mother to her own daughters but she took care of her baby sister, Alice, for many years. She was also known as "Ma" to many neighbors and family friends throughout the years. Her door was always open and there was always an extra place at the kitchen table.

She was a lifelong member of the Snowshoe Club where she loved to dance and socialize with friends and family. When her children were young she was a Girl Scout Leader and a Sunday School Teacher. Most recently she enjoyed volunteering at the

Free Store in Mexico, once again helping those in need. She was known for her heart of gold, her spectacular sense of humor and the love she had for her family.

She didn't have much use for material possessions; her family was her greatest treasure. She also enjoyed cooking, music, plants and flowers, Bingo, family get-togethers, the Fryeburg Fair, yard sales, and shopping with her daughters. The highlight of her last summer was time spent in Prince Edward Island with her daughters.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years; her six daughters, Debra J. Perry and husband Merle of Milton Township, Brenda L. Hoyt of Rumford, Nancy A. Martineau of Rumford, Marilyn L. McKenna and companion Mark of Livermore Falls, Lisa M. Dayon and husband Jeffrey of Rumford, and Crystal McKenna and companion Sherwood of Rumford; two sisters Florence Lagasse of Lewiston and Alice Hoyt of Rumford; five brothers, Kenneth Hoyt and wife Alice of Bryant Pond, Francis Hoyt of Rumford, Raymond Hoyt and wife Earline of Rumford; Maynard Hoyt of Kentucky, and Donald Hoyt and wife Andrea of Bryant Pond; seventeen grandchildren, Michele, Ryan, Jolene, Jamie, Derek, Debra, Kristian, Brandon, Pamela, Shawna, Travis, Kera, Ryan, Nathan, Corey, Jeremy, and Troy; and fifteen great-grandchildren with four on the way.

She was predeceased by her mother and father and a brother, Ralph Hoyt.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences, and fond memories with the McKenna family by visiting their guestbook at www.SGT-HibaultFuneralHome.com

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, March 13, at SG Thibault Funeral Home, Rumford. Spring interment will be in St. John Cemetery.



ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN—DIAnne Ward of Deepwood Farm and her horse, Sam I Am, took Bethel Inn guests on a sleigh ride on the Inn's golf course last week. At the rate the weather is warming up, the sleigh may quickly be replaced by golfers. (Photo: Aloisio)

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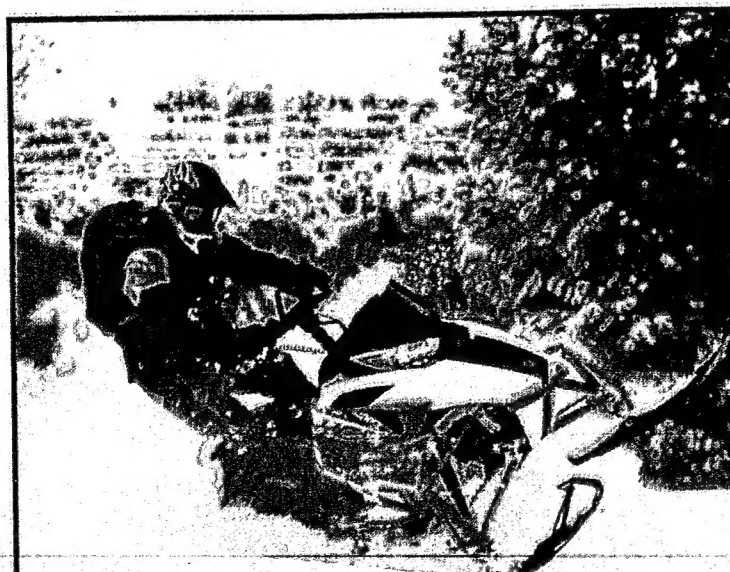
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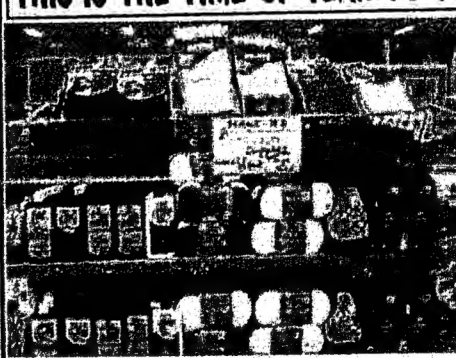
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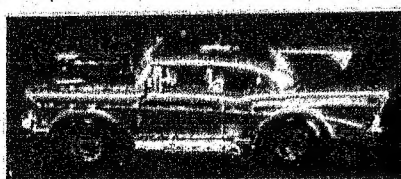
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